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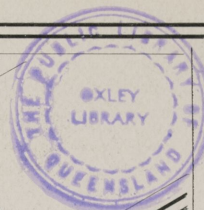


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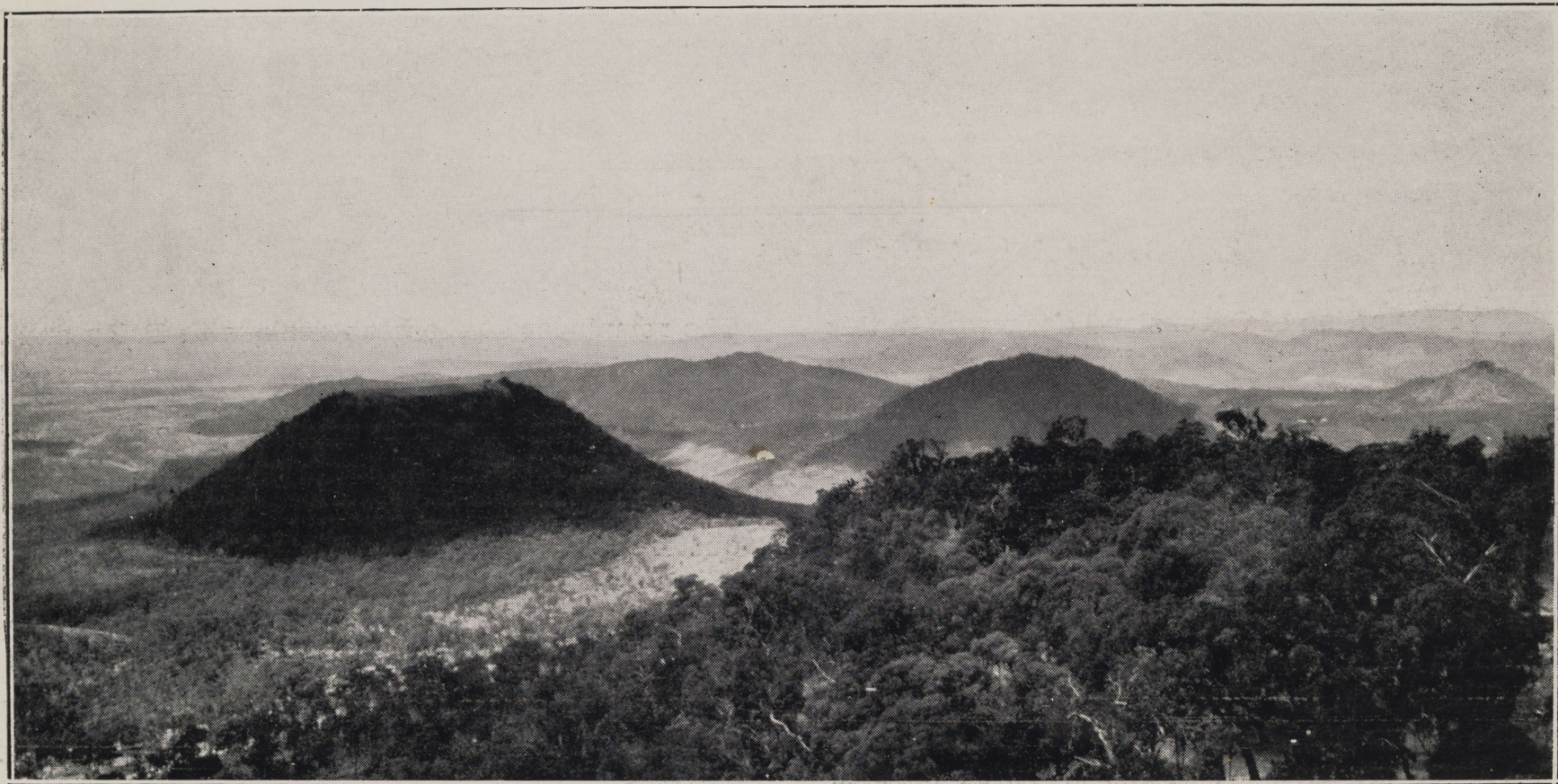
Introductory.



HE portion of Queensland dealt with in this book is popularly known as "The Darling Downs," and includes the Southern Downs around Warwick and the Northern Downs around Dalby. The book has been divided into three sections—namely, Toowoomba, Warwick, and Dalby. The territory described in the Toowoomba section includes the city proper and places on the Crow's Nest branch line, Western line, and branches as far as Oakey, the main Southern line as far as Clifton, and the Pittsworth-Milmerran branch line. The Allora-Goomburra, Maryvale, and Killarney branch lines are included in the Warwick section.

The remainder of the book deals with Dalby and its surroundings.

No attempt has been made to write a history of this wonderful area, although such a history would be one of surpassing interest. Where figures are quoted, they are taken from official sources, and are the latest available. To the tourist the Darling Downs presents many attractions. To the intending settler it has many inducements to offer, and to-day is a striking object lesson upon what can be accomplished by industry, thrift, and the determination to succeed.



VIEW FROM MAIN RANGE, NEAR PICNIC POINT, TOOWOOMBA.

The Darling Downs

THE GARDEN OF QUEENSLAND.

Allan Cunningham.

Dark rose the Range's frowning wall
Where stormy mountain-crests appal,
The Dreamer gazed with shining eyes—
“ Beyond the Land of Promise lies—

No toil I'll fear
No danger shun
Till paths are clear,
And victory won !”

Though baffled oft, no check could stay
The heart that held its steadfast way,
Till from the purple mountain-head
The sunlit Downs beneath him spread.

And now he sleeps:
His work is done:
But glory reaps
The Victory won.

—George Essex Evans.



THE Darling Downs was one of the first portions of Queensland in which settlement took place. This wonderful expanse of rich tableland, estimated to contain over four millions of acres, was first discovered by Allan Cunningham the explorer in 1827, and was named by him after Governor Darling, of New South Wales. Little did the famous discoverer dream of the wonderful development which has taken place since he first viewed the territory nearly a hundred years ago. The first settlement was by men who were engaged in the pastoral industry—the first settler being Patrick Leslie, who arrived in 1840. That industry has gradually given place to agriculture and

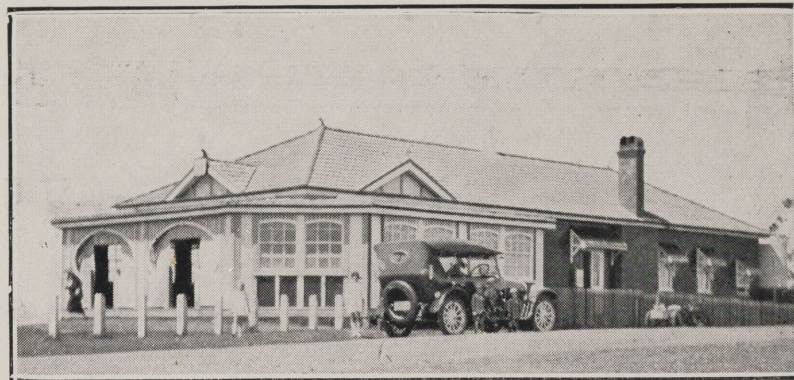
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dairying. It may be said that, broadly speaking, there is a very small proportion of the four million acres which is not suited for the two latter industries.

The whole area is a vast volcanic plateau and the soil is rich throughout. On the eastern side at Toowoomba the elevation above sea-level is nearly 2,500 feet, and the whole Darling Downs has an altitude of from 1,400 to 2,000 feet. The character of the soil varies, but the rich black soil, principally decomposed basalt, predominates. Around Toowoomba the red volcanic soil presents a striking contrast to the green fields and trees which flourish everywhere. The rainfall at the end of 1924 was abundant and the picture presented by the whole Darling Downs was a memorable one. The average annual rainfall of the Darling Downs is about 30 inches, but the wonderful fertility of the soil in a good season should enable every careful farmer to make ample provision for lean years. It must be admitted that many farmers have not taken full advantage of all that bounteous nature has bestowed upon them, and one cannot travel throughout the

Downs without noting the small percentage of many farms which is being put to profitable use. Many farmers can be met who have prospered far beyond their fellows, and in every such instance it will be found that the prosperous men are those who have adopted up-to-date methods and have bestowed diligence and attention on their farms. Where farms can be purchased at a very moderate price per acre there is perhaps not the same incentive to hard work, as a moderate return pays interest on the amount expended. Although the whole area may be said to be highly prosperous, such prosperity would be greatly increased if the advice of the Department of Agriculture and Stock were more generally adopted.

The soil and climate of the Darling Downs is suitable for almost every variety of crops which can be grown in the temperate zone. Wheat, barley, oats, maize, lucerne, sorghums and millets, potatoes, and pumpkins yield handsome returns. In 1923, 490,269 acres were under cultivation. The principal crops were wheat (35,941 acres), maize (38,529 acres), cotton (9,212 acres), green fodder (183,597 acres), hay, all kinds (23,480 acres). Oats, barley, rye,



STACKING WHEAT, DARLING DOWNS.

potatoes, pumpkins, melons, tobacco, and vines were also successfully cultivated. The area under crop has been greatly increased this year (1925) but the foregoing are the latest official figures available.

Dairying has made wonderful progress during the past few years, and has proved highly successful. The latest figures available (1923) give some idea of the importance of this industry on the Downs. The total quantity of milk obtained was 22,097,731 gallons. Of this total 12,087,758 gallons were separated for sale, 6,281,687 gallons were sold to cheese factories, and 1,070,127 gallons were sold to condensed milk factories.

There are twelve very successful butter factories on the Downs, the products from which are much sought after in the overseas markets. The quantity of butter produced in 1923 was 7,038,343 lb.

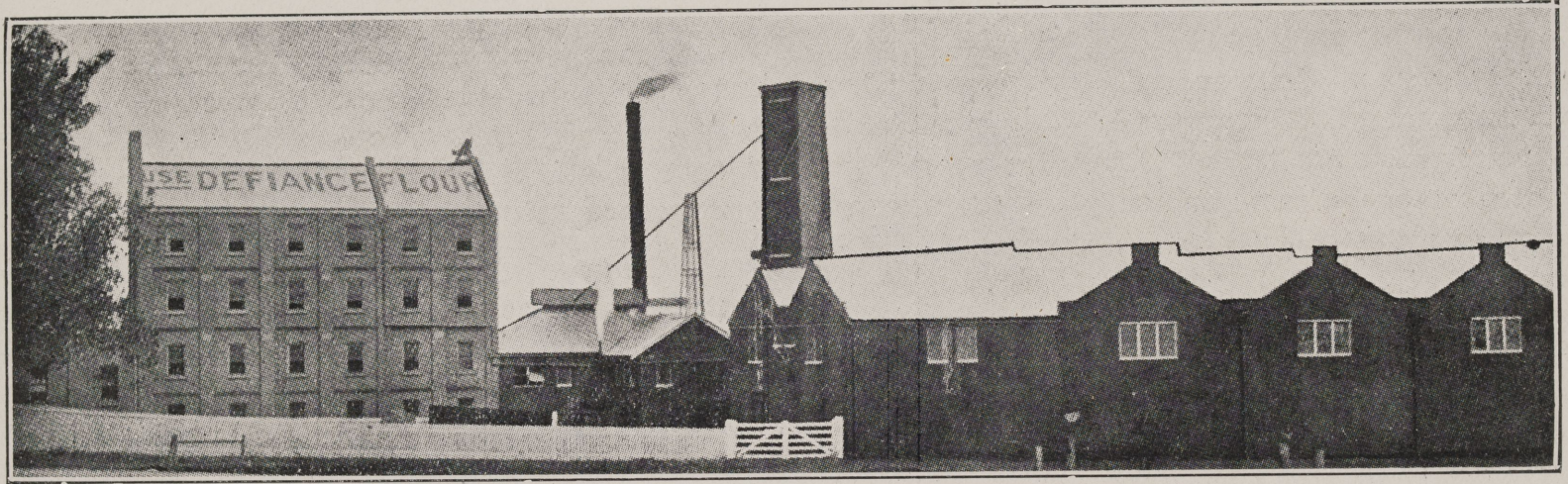
Sixty-five cheese factories are in operation on the Downs, and the quality of the cheese produced compares favourably with any manufactured in the Commonwealth or New Zealand. An important

export trade, which is rapidly increasing, has already been established. The total quantity of cheese made in 1923 was 6,461,312 lb.

The value of the monthly cream cheque means much to the dairyman and to the business community. That value would be greatly increased if more attention were given to the dairy herds. The advantage of a good breed soon becomes apparent in the increased value of the regular cream cheque.

The mountain ranges encircling the Downs on three sides are rich in timber. Many millions of feet of pine, hardwood, cedar, &c., have been cut and marketed. Rich scrubs of a few years ago have entirely disappeared and given place to comfortable farms, but many still remain, and hold within their bounds many charms for the visitor. Several of these scrub lands have been wisely set aside as reserves by the Government, and in years to come this policy will be more fully appreciated. The National Park at Ravensbourne and the reserves of the Bunya Mountains are charming resorts for visitors. The soil of the Darling Downs varies considerably in depth, but on the open blacksoil plains it is frequently found up to 50 feet.

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Ridge, slope, and mountain crest,
Cease at her feet with faces turned to meet her,
Enthroned, apart, serene
Above her vassal hills whose voices greet her,
The Mountain Queen!

Fair City, unto whom as to a lover
Our tender memories run—
Childhood and Springtide's careless hours are over,
And summer days begun.
Behold amid what wealth of vine and meadow
Thy maiden feet are set;
And on thy brow, undimmed of care or shadow,
Thy civic coronet.

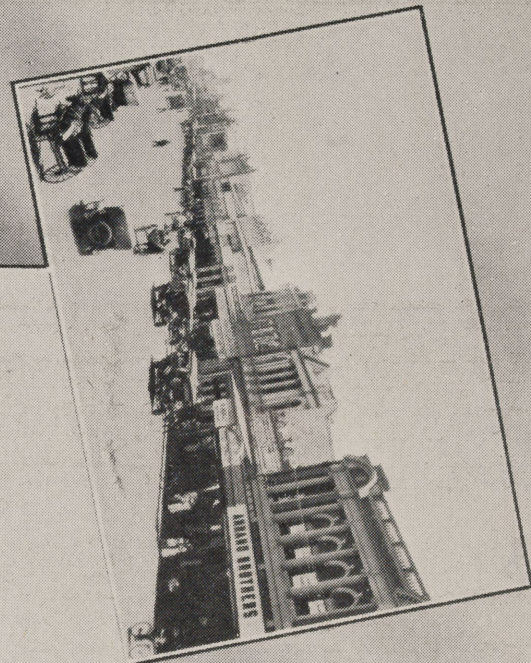
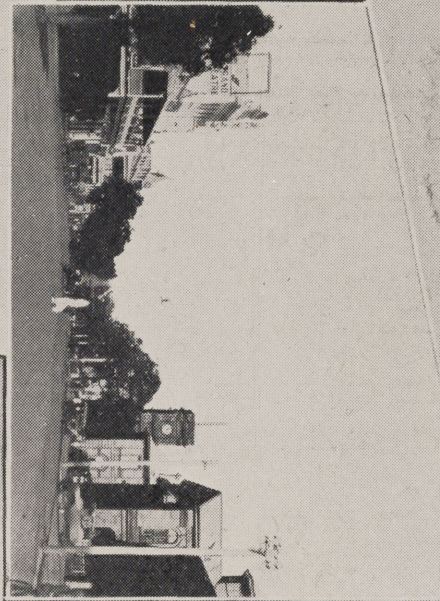
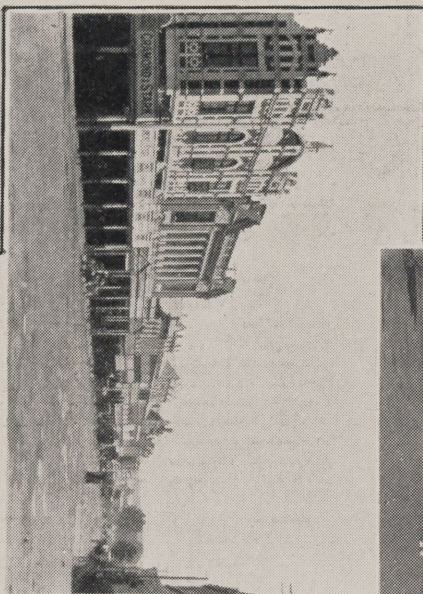
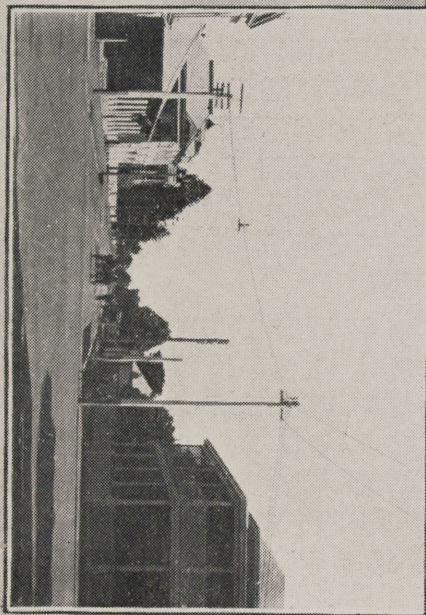
There have been dreams for thee by men who slumber
Sound where no voice may reach,
Who ere they joined the host that none may number,
Saw what they strove to teach—
The vision of a city, wide and splendid,
Crowning the Range's wall,
And o'er thy sweeping plateau, far extended,
Welcome for all.

—George Essex Evans.

There is a great diversity of opinion as to the origin of the name "Toowoomba." Where the city now stands was originally known as "The Swamp," but there is no official record of how the present name was given to the locality. In all likelihood the word is an anglicised improvement on the aboriginal name for "The Swamp."

Toowoomba is the principal business centre of the Darling Downs, and is the commercial capital of this rich area. It was proclaimed a municipality in 1860, and in 1904 was raised to the status of a city. It is situated on the top of the Main Range, 101 miles west by rail from Brisbane, and lies in a shallow basin. The centre of the city has an altitude of 1,921 feet above sea-level. It is the most important inland city of the State.

Considerable foresight was shown in the laying out of the town at its inception. The streets are



STREET SCENES, TOOWOOMBA.

- (1) RUTHVEN STREET, LOOKING SOUTH.
- (3) RUTHVEN STREET, LOOKING NORTH.

- (2) MARGARET STREET, LOOKING EAST.
- (4) NEIL STREET, LOOKING SOUTH.

wide, and afford facilities for the ever-increasing traffic. Many of the streets have been ornamented by shade trees, the rich foliage of which, in the summer time, at once appeals to the visitor. The Darling Downs has been termed "The Garden of Queensland," and Toowoomba can fairly claim to be the Garden City of the State. Nearly every house, particularly in the suburbs, can boast of a well-kept garden, where vegetables, fruit, and flowers grow in profusion. At different seasons of the year some wonderful displays of roses, gerberas, carnations, dahlias, and in fact every variety of flower suitable for a temperate climate may be seen. Vegetables of almost every kind do well in these house gardens, and where care and attention is devoted to them the supply is plentiful nearly all the year round. The houses generally are above the ordinary class, while some of those owned and occupied by the wealthier citizens would be a credit to any city. The beautiful mountain air and equable climate have induced many who have made a competence in other parts of Australia to make their homes in Toowoomba, and these citizens have done much in assisting to make it "the city beautiful."

There are some very fine public buildings in the city. Amongst the most prominent may be mentioned the Town Hall (built in 1900), the Soldiers' Memorial Hall, both in Ruthven street; the Court House, Post Office, and Technical College in Margaret street; the Fire Station in Neil street; the Ambulance Brigade Station in Herries street; the General Hospital in West street; and St. Vincent's Hospital on the Range. There are several fine churches and schools, while many of the business premises of private firms, and several banks, would do credit to the capital cities of Australia.

Situated on the eastern side of the city are the Queen's Park and Botanic Gardens. The park is well laid out with shade trees, and comprises 65 acres. Adjoining the park is the Botanic Gardens of 11 acres. These gardens are beautifully laid out and are well worth a visit. In the gardens is a band-stand where excellent concerts are given by the local bands alternately on Sunday afternoons. On the western side of the city is Newtown Park, which will in time become one of the beauty spots of the city.

Toowoomba is the centre of an immense railway traffic. The main Southern line passes through the



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city. Unfortunately, the railway approach to the city and exit therefrom are unattractive in the extreme, and those passengers who have never broken their journey at Toowoomba can have no idea of its attractions.

The Western line branches off the main line at Toowoomba, and over it great numbers of sheep and cattle and large quantities of produce come into the city. From the numerous branch lines heavily laden trains bring produce, timber, and coal to this busy centre. One has only to visit the extensive goods-shed in the railway yards to realise in even a small way the importance of Toowoomba as a trading centre.

The city has an estimated population of 22,000. The estimated number of dwellings is nearly 4,500. There are 57 miles of metalled streets and 94½ miles unmetalled. The City Council looks well after the interests of the people, and most of the streets are well made. The city is fortunate in having an almost unlimited supply of excellent road metal obtained from their own quarry at a very moderate cost. Twelve aldermen constitute the City Council. Two members represent the city in Parliament—Mr. E. J. Llewellyn for Toowoomba and Mr. T. R. Roberts for

East Toowoomba. Both take a keen interest in their electorates. The Federal representative of the Darling Downs electorate is Sir Littleton E. Groom, K.C.M.G., Federal Attorney-General, to whom the district owes much for its progress in matters under Federal control.

The growth of Toowoomba has been well sustained for many years, and the prospects of further expansion are assured. The city has always been noted for the sound financial position of its business community. With a continuance of good seasons favouring the agriculturist and dairyman, rapid progress in the future is certain. Up to the present time little has been done to make Toowoomba a manufacturing centre, but this development must come in the near future.

The city is well supplied with water drawn from the Corporation wells, and a sewerage system is now being introduced. Electric light and gas are supplied by two private companies.

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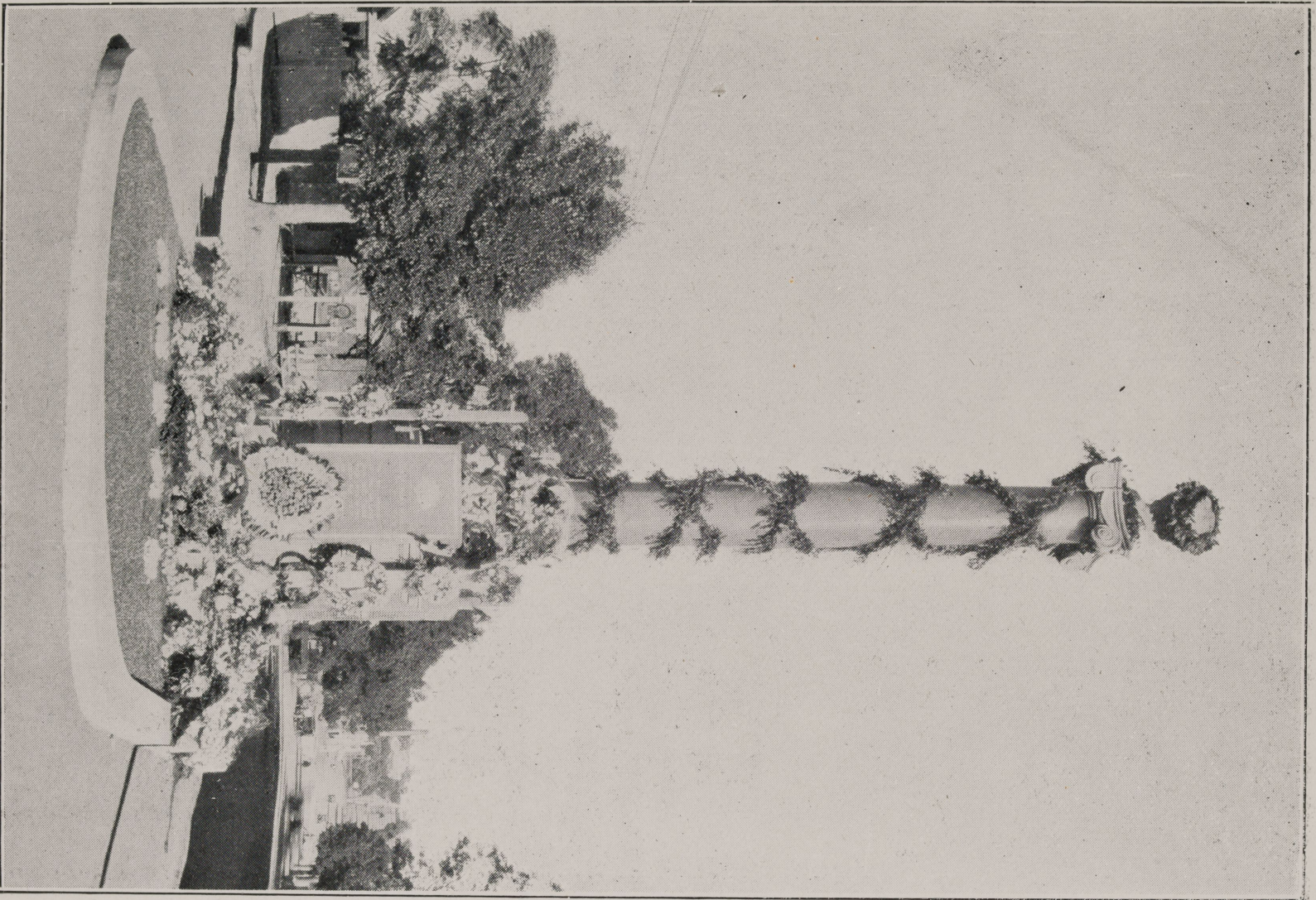
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There are numerous hotels for the convenience of the visitor, and many of them maintain a very high standard of efficiency and comfort. Those who prefer a boarding-house for residence will find several such places conveniently situated, and desirable in every respect.

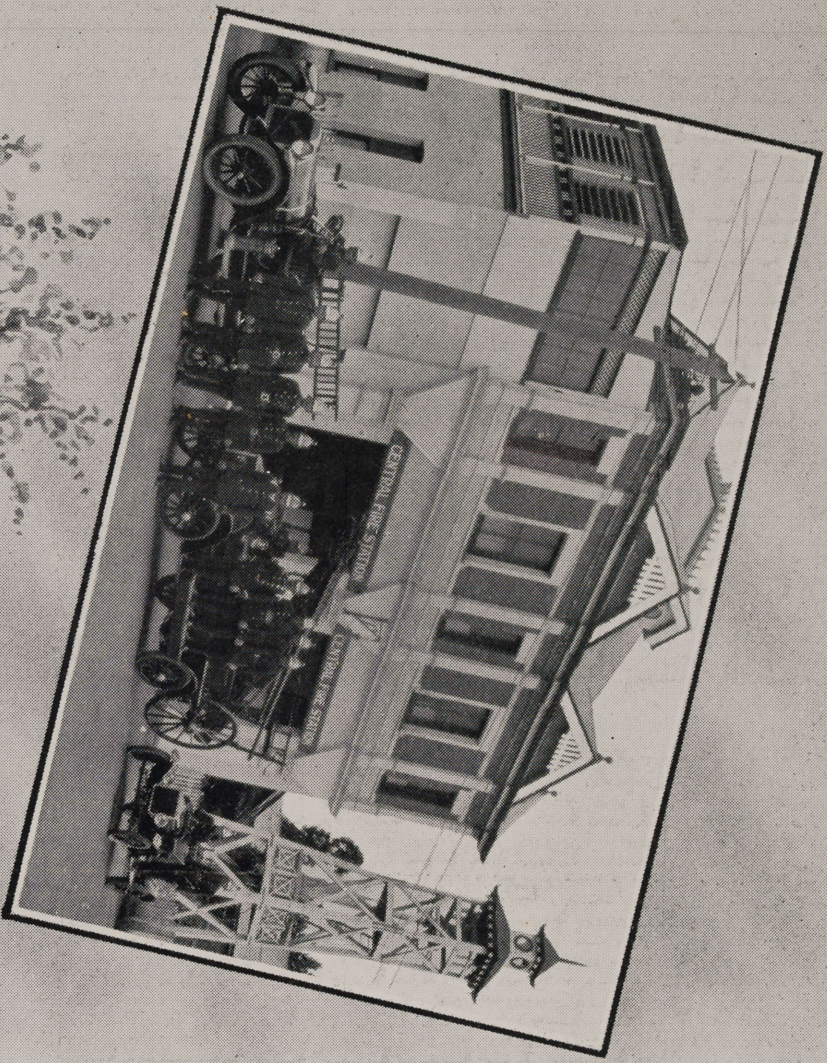
PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS AND SOCIETIES.

The many public institutions and societies of the Garden City are well managed, and generally well supported by the people. It is not necessary to mention all such, but several are well worthy of notice.

Ambulance Brigade.

Toowoomba has every reason to be proud of its Ambulance Brigade, and of the splendid work being done by the staff. This centre was first established in 1902, but the present headquarters were not erected until about four years later. To the present superintendent, Mr. E. J. Llewelyn, much of its success and popularity is due. He took over the control and

reorganised the branch in 1907, and during the past eighteen years many sufferers have had cause for gratitude to the brigade and its genial superintendent for timely aid in the hour of their necessity. The brigade's operations have extended very rapidly during the years of its existence. In 1902 the staff consisted of a superintendent and one bearer; to-day, in addition to the superintendent, there are eight bearers with an additional four honorary bearers, all of whom are highly efficient. The original equipment consisted of an Ashford litter, which, later, gave place to a horse wagon. At the present time the centre has five fully equipped motor ambulance wagons of the most recent type, in addition to a motor car and motor cycle for general use. During the year ending 30th June, 1924, the brigade responded to 3,908 calls, and the aggregate mileage travelled was 45,790. Honorary centres have been established at Pechey, Milmerran, Cooyar, Haden, and Wyreema. Each of these is in charge of a qualified honorary officer. Although the cost to maintain the Toowoomba centre amounts to about £100 per week, the financial position of the branch is very satisfactory. No better conducted ambulance centre than the one in Toowoomba can be found in any part of Queensland.



(1) FIRE BRIGADE, (2) AMBULANCE CENTRE, TOOWOOMBA.

Fire Brigade.

Toowoomba possesses one of the most efficient fire brigades in Queensland. The headquarters are in a modern building situated in Neil street, and an auxiliary station has been established in the western suburb of Newtown. The plant at present consists of two motor reels and a motor pump. One of the reels is fitted with a 45-foot escape ladder. The staff of the brigade, which is under the control of Superintendent J. R. Phillips, consists of a deputy superintendent, a foreman, two permanent firemen, and nine volunteers. By a unique system of telephone alarms, the volunteer members of the brigade are notified of a fire at the same time as it is received at the head-station. It was estimated that the prompt work of the brigade during the first eight months of 1924 had been the means of saving £40,000 worth of property, and various insurance companies have frequently expressed appreciation of the work accomplished in fire-fighting. The citizens are justly proud of their fire-fighters, and have every confidence in this splendid organisation.

The General Hospital.

The General Hospital, situated in West street,

has long been one of the outstanding features of Toowoomba. From a small beginning in 1859 it is now one of the largest and best equipped in the State. The site of the present hospital was purchased in 1878, and in 1880 a new building which cost £10,000 was opened. The children's ward was opened in 1894, and the Victoria wing in 1899. A nurses' home was completed in 1913, and cost £6,000. An open-air ward was added in 1916, and the new ward built by the Commonwealth Government was added in 1921. The whole hospital is well conducted, and is equipped with modern appliances throughout. The wards are large, well lighted, and well ventilated.

St. Vincent's Hospital.

In addition to the General Hospital, the St. Vincent's Hospital, situated on the eastern side of the city, is a very fine institution recently erected. The building is a handsome one, and has been constructed to meet the requirements of an up-to-date hospital. The equipment throughout is the most modern obtainable.

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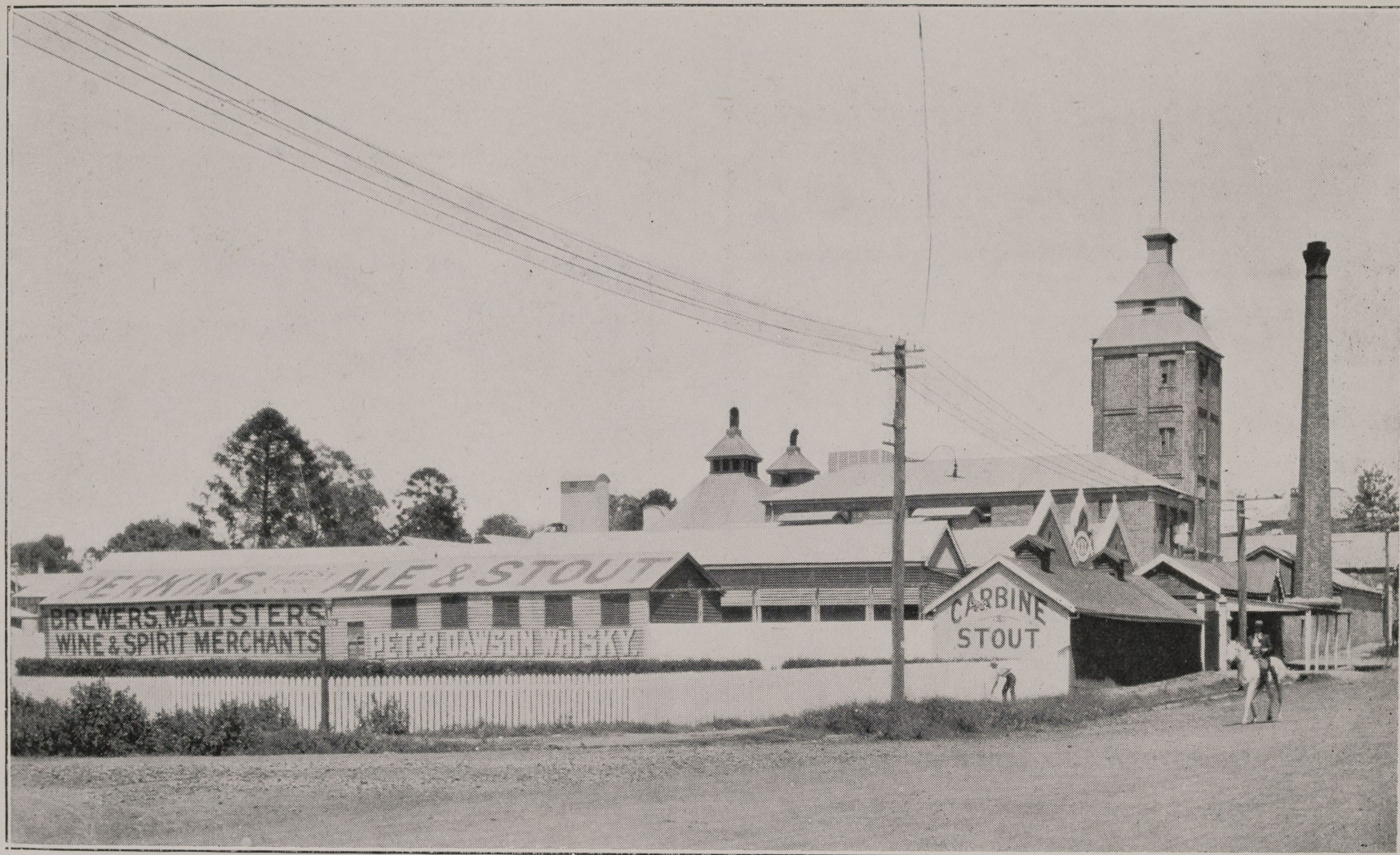
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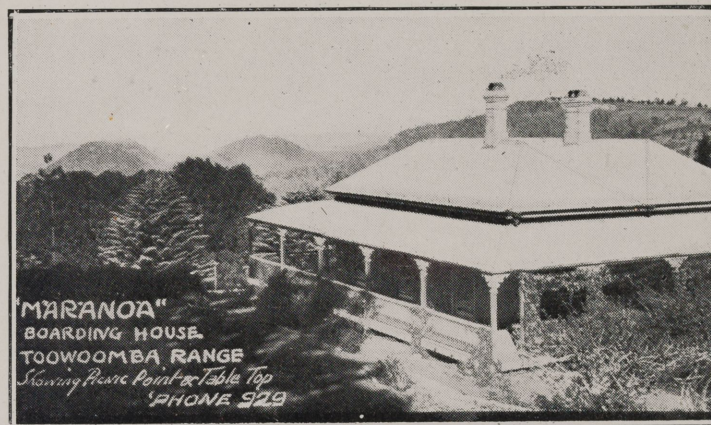
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In addition to the General Hospital and St. Vincent's Hospital, Toowoomba is well provided with private hospitals which have attained a high standard of efficiency.

School of Arts.

The School of Arts, which is accommodated in the Town Hall, has proved a very valuable institution. The library is well stocked with all classes of literature, and is well patronised by the reading public. The reading rooms are large, well lighted, and well ventilated.

The Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland.

The well-known and popular Royal Agricultural Society of Queensland was established in 1860, and is therefore the oldest agricultural society in the State. It has its headquarters in Toowoomba and its affairs are in a flourishing condition. The show-grounds, of 23 acres, are situated in Campbell street and are among the most beautiful show-grounds in

the State. There are two commodious grandstands and show pavilions, with a floor-space of 17,500 feet. The grounds are available during the season for cricket and football, while inside the pavilions is a large dancing hall, which is availed of for most of the important social functions.

INDUSTRIES OF TOOWOOMBA.

The industrial development of Toowoomba has not been as rapid as might have been expected, and there is great room for expansion. A few of the more important may be mentioned.

Toowoomba Foundry Co., Ltd.

There are two important foundries operating in the city. The Toowoomba Foundry Co. was founded in 1871, and is of importance and value, not only to Toowoomba, but to the State generally. For a period of over twenty years the company built a large proportion of the carriages and wagons used by the Railway Department. Later the company turned its attention to locomotives, and successfully carried out contracts for numbers of these for the Queensland and Kalgoorlie to Port Augusta railways. The company meantime did not overlook the manufacture

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of its own proprietary lines, such as windmills and other lines suitable for an agricultural district. To-day the company has given up general engineering and confines its manufacturing activities to its well-known products, which are so widely sold under the trade mark or name of "Southern Cross." Its windmills, well-drilling plants, pumps, &c., bearing that name are sold all over and outside Australia, and its field of operations is steadily increasing. The plant in the company's workshops is of the most modern and efficient description, much of it being of special design. The aim of the company has been to produce their "Southern Cross" lines at a cost which enables them to supply the man on the land with his requirements at a reasonable price. Stock depots and workshops have been established in Brisbane, Rockhampton, and Townsville, each having a competent sales and mechanical staff.

The Eclipse Windmill Co., Ltd.

This company has new and up-to-date works situated in Ruthven street, and specialises in the manufacture of agricultural implements and water-raising apparatus. Much effort has been expended

to cater for the requirements of the farmers and dairymen of the district, and their famous "Eclipse" windmills may be seen pumping water from wells or bores in every part of the Downs. The company's efforts have recently been extended, and now include the production of the "Eclipse" maize reaping and threshing machine. This wonderful machine performs the work of reaping the crops, threshing, and dressing the maize ready for market. The company also has the agency for the largest manufacturer of agricultural machinery, &c., in Australia, and can supply any implement for tilling the ground or reaping the crops. They also cater for the supply of milking machines and cream separators.

Flour Mills.


There are two flour-mills operating in Toowoomba—namely, the Dominion Co.'s mill and the Defiance Company's. Both do an extensive business. The Defiance mill is a purely local concern, and its products are known throughout the State. They have extensive premises in Ruthven street, and their industry is an important one for Toowoomba.

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This firm has an up-to-date and extensive brewery situated in Margaret street. This brewery has long been famed for the excellence of its products, the water supply available being particularly suitable for the firm's requirements. Perkins and Co. have a very large business connection, not only in Toowoomba and on the Darling Downs, but throughout Western and South-western Queensland.

The Queensland Brewery Ltd.

The Queensland Brewery Ltd., more popularly known as the "Bulimba Brewery," has recently completed the erection of a branch brewery in Toowoomba which is claimed to be one of the best in the Commonwealth. The new building and machinery cost about £62,000, and the investment of such a large sum by the company is a striking proof of their faith in the future of Toowoomba and the Darling Downs. All the very latest appliances and methods for the production of the very best beer have been installed in the new brewery. The building is a very handsome brick structure and occupies a commanding position in Mort street. The grounds

surrounding the brewery are well laid out and present an attractive appearance. They have already a very extensive and increasing business throughout the southern portion of Queensland, and no doubt the new brewery will before long accelerate the expansion.

Sawmills.

There are two large and old-established sawmills in Toowoomba, which give employment to a large number of men. These mills are owned respectively by Messrs. Filshie, Broadfoot, and Co. and Messrs. A. and D. Munro. Both firms have branch mills in the outside districts, and draw their supplies of log timber from various parts of the Main Range.

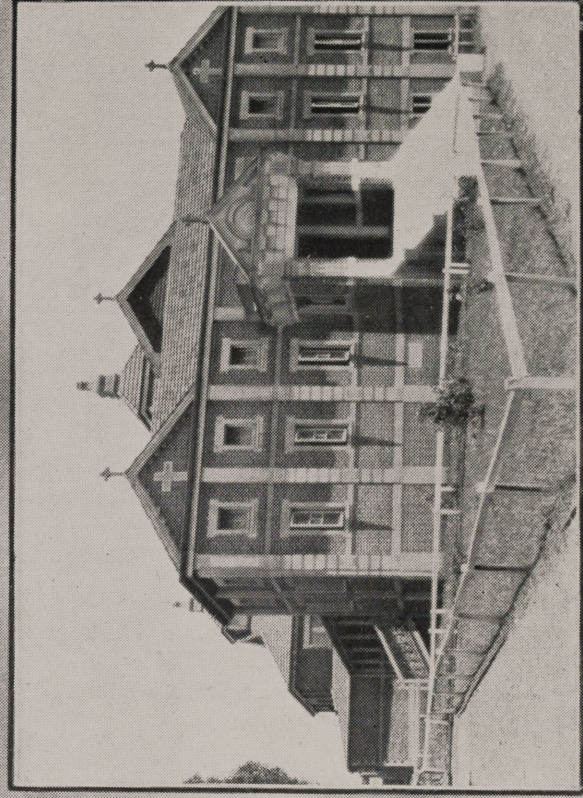
Furniture Makers.

There are several furniture-making establishments in Toowoomba, one of the most important being that of Messrs. Rosenstengels Ltd. For many years the quality and excellence of workmanship in their furniture has been recognised throughout the Downs and Western Queensland. Their premises in Ruthven street are worth inspection by visitors even



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Motor 'Bus Body Building.

Several firms are engaged in the motor 'bus body building industry, and have already gained more than local fame. It has been already mentioned that the motor 'buses of Toowoomba are of a superior class. The Lucy's Garage has secured the contracts for the construction of motor 'buses for Brisbane owners. The superiority of design and construction over any built in Brisbane is very marked, and reflects great credit on the local garage.

Messrs. F. and G. Hooper.

Messrs. F. and G. Hooper have a large factory in Gore street which gives employment to a considerable number. Their soap for laundry and general domestic use has long been well known.

The Downs Co-operative Dairy Co., Ltd.

This company has a large butter factory on the western side of the city which has long been well known and highly successful. The "Unity" brand of the company is well known in the overseas market, and the company has gained distinction not only in Australia but at overseas exhibitions. Besides the large factory operating in Toowoomba, branches have been established at Clifton, Dalby, Crow's Nest, and Miles.

The Darling Downs Co-operative Bacon Co., Ltd.

The factory of this company is situated at Willowburn, about three miles from the centre of the city, and the company, besides bacon-curing, does an immense business in their special lines. The K.R. brand is well known amongst storekeepers. The factory at Willowburn has recently been rebuilt after being destroyed by fire. All operations are conducted on modern lines, and the business is an important one to the district.

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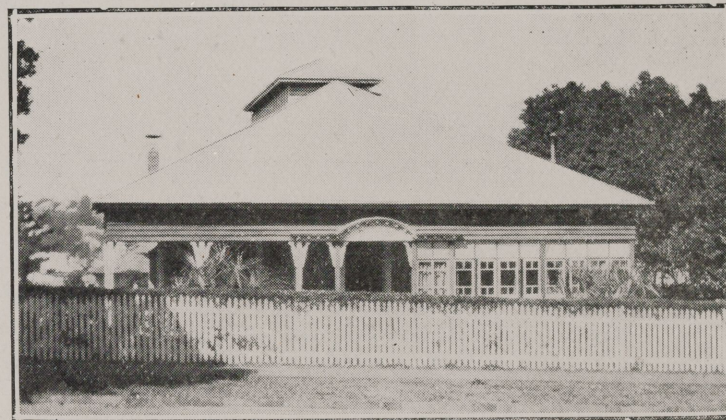
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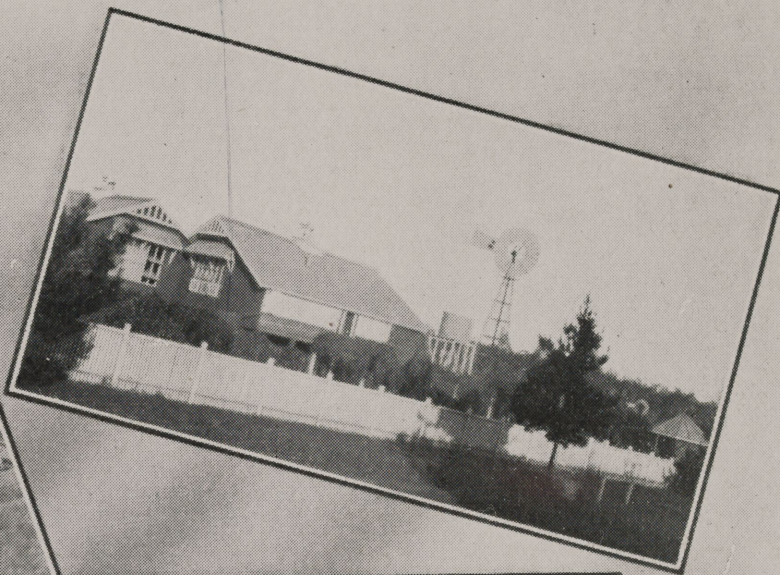
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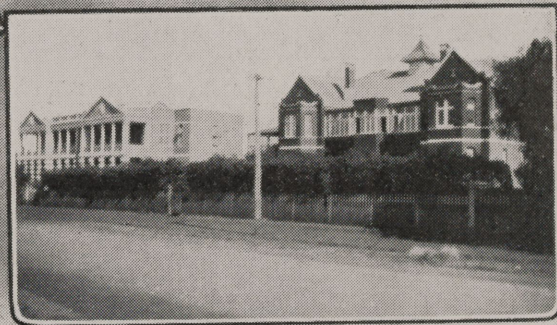
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schools with an average attendance of 2,468 pupils, and the Grammar School for boys, there are ten private schools in operation and an up-to-date technical college. Of the private schools three are under the auspices of the Church of England, four are Roman Catholic schools, one a Presbyterian school, and two undenominational. Owing to the well-known salubrity of the climate, pupils attending the private schools are representative of all parts of the State. The training of pupils in these schools is of a very high standard and compares more than favourably with schools of the same kind elsewhere.

The Grammar School.

The Toowoomba Grammar School is situated on its own grounds of 50 acres on the eastern side of the city. It occupies a commanding position on the Range and is 2,000 feet above sea-level. The main building, of three stories, is a brick structure and has accommodation for sixty-five boarders. The dormitories are well ventilated and the school has a well-arranged sanitary system and septic tank. The boarders are under the care of the head-master and his wife. Special attention is given to the physical development of all the boys, but especially to the

weaker ones. Physical drill and swimming are compulsory. The repeated successes of the school cadets and drill-squads in competition with other areas and schools have made efficiency in this department a school tradition. Many distinctions have been gained by boys of the school during recent years.

The Christian Brothers' College (St. Mary's).

The Christian Brothers' College was established in 1899 with an attendance of 112 pupils, but the building originally used as a school soon proved wholly inadequate for the increased number of pupils, and the present building was opened in October 1921. It is an imposing addition to the architectural beauties of Toowoomba, and occupies a commanding position on one of the highest points of the city proper. There are six spacious class rooms for the accommodation of the 320 pupils now on the roll. From the front balcony a magnificent panoramic view is obtained of the city, nestling among the hills, and also of Picnic Point, Mount Lofty, and other points of interest around the fringe of the Range. To mark the silver jubilee of the college in 1924, preparations have been made to further improve the school building, by additional

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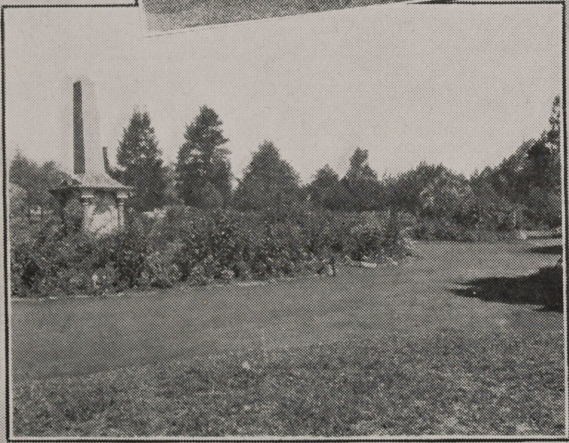
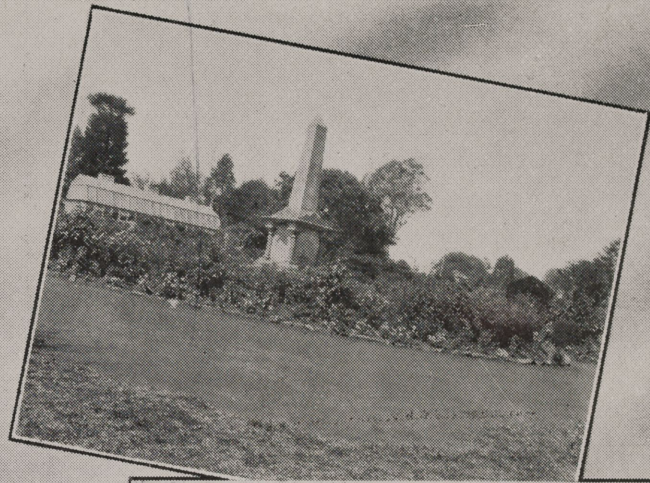
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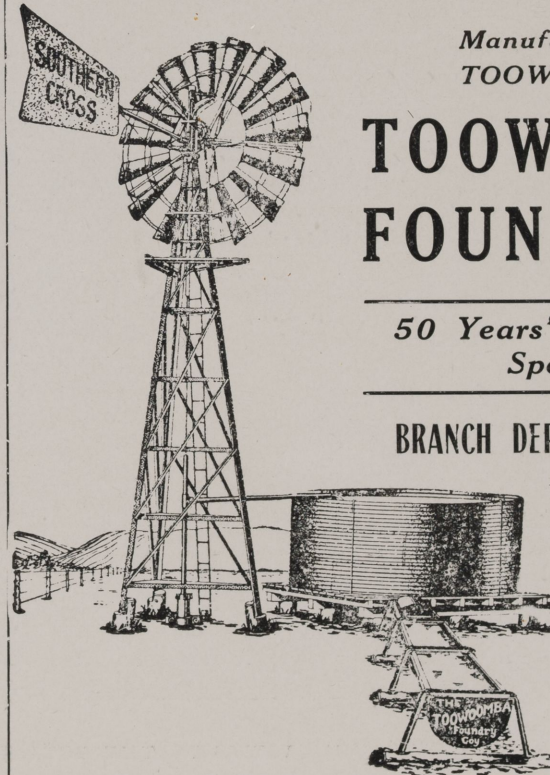
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The Glennie Memorial School.

The Church of England Glennie Memorial School for Girls is situated in beautiful grounds on the western side of the city. The school is in charge of a very capable principal and highly qualified staff, and the examination results achieved by pupils testify to the efficiency of the school. The class-rooms are large and airy, and all the school appointments are of the most modern kind. A beautiful little church is amongst the school buildings. The girls are well cared for and their best interests looked after in every respect. A swimming pool has been constructed in the grounds and has proved a great boon to pupils attending the school.

"Fairholme," the Presbyterian Girls' College.

The Presbyterian Girls' College is situated on the top of the Range on the eastern side of Toowoomba, and commands one of the finest panoramic views in

Australia. The school gives thorough education from primary to university standard. The residential quarters accommodate forty-five boarders, a number sufficiently large to allow of the development of a true school spirit, but sufficiently small for the retention of much that makes of the school a home. The beautiful surroundings of the school must influence the minds and character of the pupils.

St. Saviour's Convent School.

This Convent School is conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, and is situated on one of the most attractive sites in Toowoomba, commanding a splendid view of the city and surrounding country. The building is a two-storied one of brick, containing spacious rooms and balconies for the accommodation of boarders. Hot and cold water baths are provided. Every attention is paid to the comfort and health of the children, while the crisp, bracing, mountain air conduces much to physical development. The recreation grounds are extensive and the pupils are under the constant supervision of the Sisters.

There are several other kindred schools in the city, but space forbids detailed mention of these.

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Of the State Schools it can fairly be said that all have attained a high standard of efficiency. Several of them are beautifully situated and are surrounded by well-kept garden plots in which the children take great interest. The latest addition to the schools of Toowoomba is the Newtown School, recently established. It is one of the best school-houses in the State. Already it is being found that extensions will soon be required, owing to the rapidly increasing number of pupils on the roll.

The Technical College.

The Toowoomba Technical College is housed in a fine building at the corner of Margaret and Hume streets. Among the varied excellent educational establishments of Toowoomba, it fills a unique position, for it effectively combines a serious vocational training with the so-called more intellectual subjects of study. Pupils may complete full diploma courses in accountancy, domestic science, or art.

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painting, signwriting, and pottery attract many others. The curriculum is most comprehensive, and provides for the needs of students in law and pharmacy, for students for matriculation, young engineering apprentices, and workers in wood and plumbing. The popularity of the college is not only due to the high standard of education provided, but to the reasonable fees and conditions. Last year the enrolment was 1,200.

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.**Football—Rugby League.**

Football has long been a popular game in Toowoomba, but during the past two years the city has organised a team which has attracted the attention of every part of the Commonwealth. They are not only the premier team of Queensland, but gained the distinction of defeating the English team which toured Australia in 1924. Local matches are well patronised by the public.

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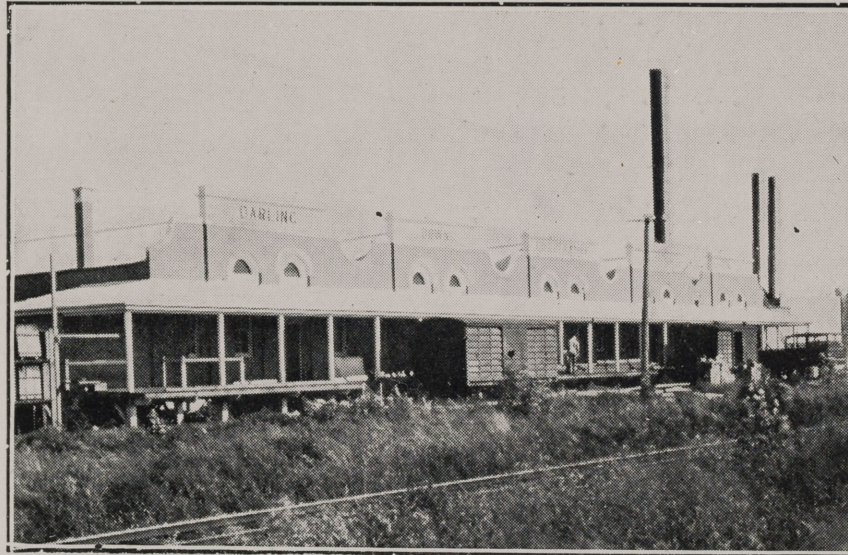
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Bowls.

The city has two bowling greens. The Toowoomba Club's green is situated on the eastern side opposite the Botanic Gardens, while the West Toowoomba Club's green is in Newtown. Both clubs have a large membership, and a spirit of friendly rivalry between them has given the game a great impetus. Both greens are well kept and each is provided with a comfortable club-house. The play is of a high standard, and many of the players have become famous throughout Queensland and even in the Southern States.

Golf.

There is a private golf links in the grounds of the Mental Hospital at Willowburn, and here many devotees of the game indulge in their favourite

pastime. The game is rapidly gaining in favour and no doubt steps will be taken to provide suitable links elsewhere.

Horse Racing.

Toowoomba has two clubs which cater for the racing community of the district. The principal club is the Toowoomba Turf Club, one of the oldest racing bodies in Queensland. Their course is at Clifford Park, about a mile and a-half from the city, and comprises an area of about 80 acres. The track proper is eight furlongs, and there are the usual tracks for training purposes. Liberal prize-money is offered at frequent meetings and the club looks well after the interests of horse-owners and the public.

Social Clubs.

There are several clubs in the city where members can meet for social intercourse. The more important of these are the Downs Club and the Toowoomba Club. The former has fine premises in Margaret street. The Toowoomba Club has well-appointed and conveniently situated premises in Neil

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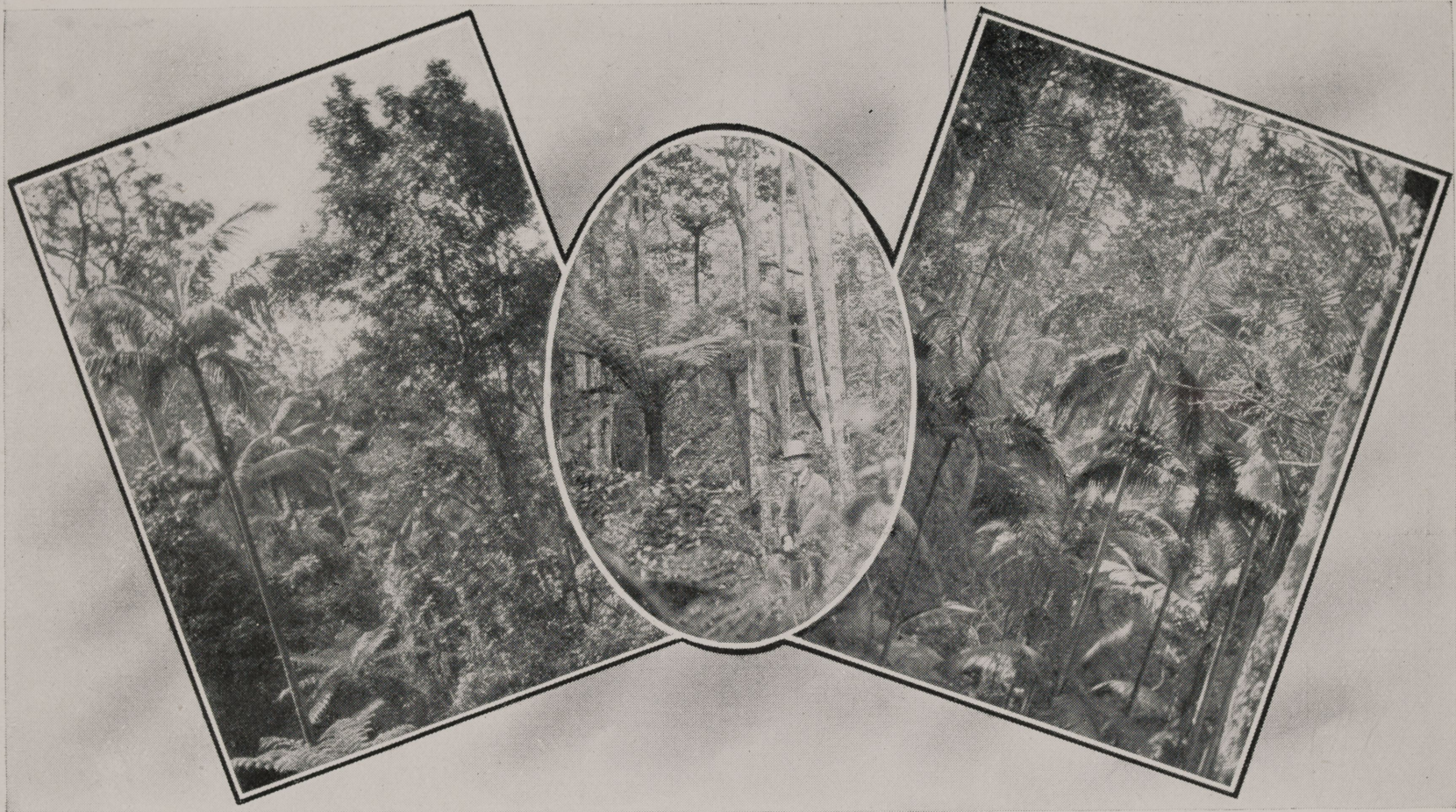
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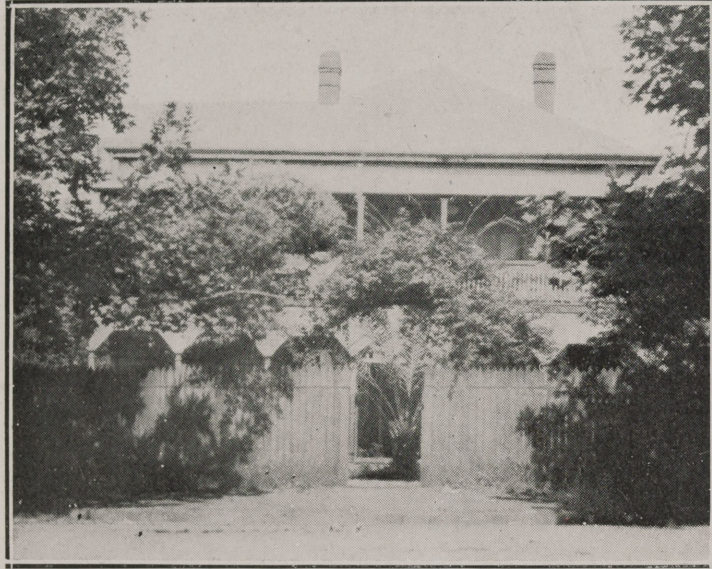


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street. It was established to provide for the requirements of business men, and has had a very successful career. The Returned Soldiers' Association has very fine club-rooms in the recently erected Memorial Hall, and this will become a very popular resort of the returned men and their friends.

Space will not permit of every organisation being specially mentioned, but some of the more important may be noted briefly.

The Country Women's Association, which has its offices in the Memorial Hall, is doing good work in providing comfort for many of the women from the West. This organisation has become an important one throughout Queensland, and the Toowoomba branch is one of the most important in the State.

The Philharmonic Society is the leading musical body in Toowoomba, and has had a very creditable and useful career. In musical matters the city has always held a prominent position. The Philharmonic Society generally competes at the Annual Eisteddfod of Southern Queensland, and has on several occasions gained first place in competition with kindred socie-

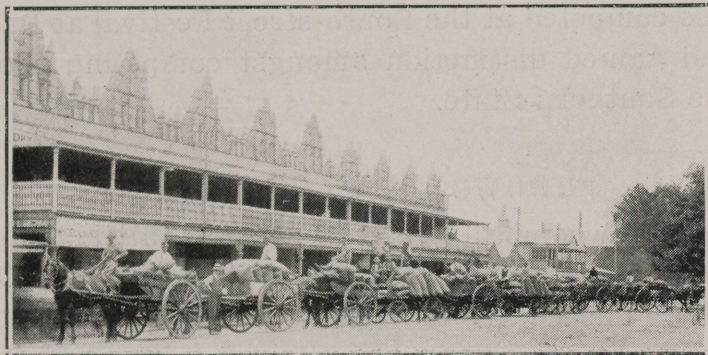
ties representing Brisbane, Ipswich, Gympie, Maryborough, Bundaberg, and Warwick. The society has also competed at the South-street Festival at Ballarat, and gained distinction amongst competing choirs in the Southern State.

TOOWOOMBA FOR TOURISTS.

Toowoomba presents many attractions for tourists, of whom a large number visit the Garden City. Passengers travelling to or from the Southern States by mail train are allowed a break of journey up to five days at Toowoomba, Warwick, or Stanthorpe. The five days may be spent in one of these centres or may be divided among the three. A break of journey can be heartily recommended at Toowoomba. The clear, cool mountain air during the summer months will be found most invigorating by those who reside generally nearer the coast.

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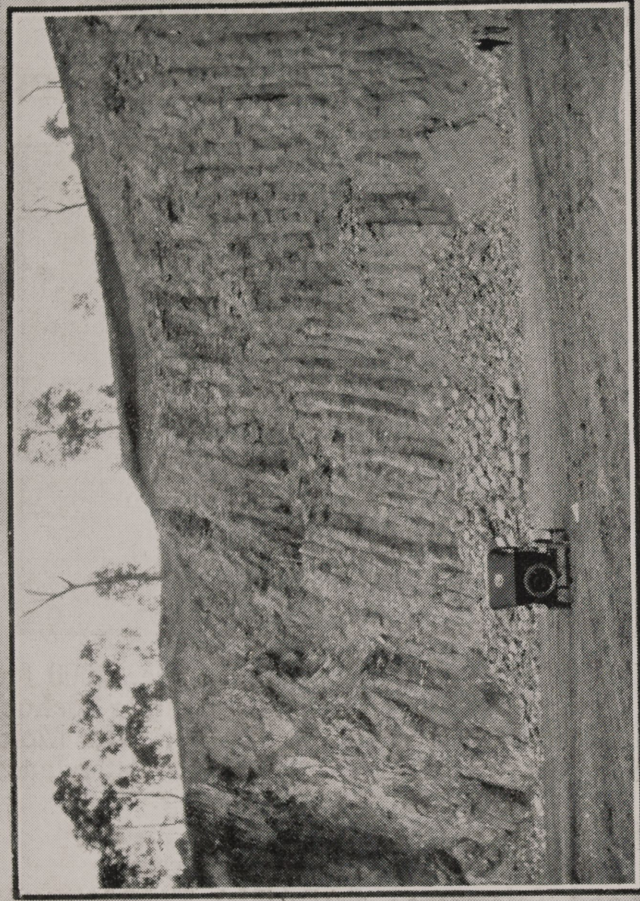
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Splendid views of the city itself may be obtained from the reservoir of the city (known as Horner's Paddock), from Mount Lofty, and from Stony Pinch about one and a-half miles beyond Harlaxton. A convenient motor 'bus service runs from the city near to all these points of vantage, and motor cars may be hired at very reasonable rates by those who prefer that means of travel.

Tourists who have a full day to spend should visit the National Park at Ravensbourne. This can be accomplished most conveniently and comfortably by motor car. The drive from Toowoomba along the

Highfields and Crow's Nest roads to Hampton is a charming one indeed. The road is a good one for motoring; every mile travelled presents a fresh scene of beauty. The greater part of the road is through natural avenues of beautiful shade trees, and all along the route may be seen the comfortable homes of prosperous settlers. The Main Roads Board have constructed a road from Hampton towards National Park. The distance from Toowoomba to National Park is about 28 miles. A kiosk has been erected and visitors may here obtain light refreshments. It is desirable to notify the proprietor when a party intends to visit the Park. A short walk from the kiosk takes the visitor into the glorious scrub, where much can be seen to charm the eye. Palm trees, tree ferns, &c., in all their natural beauty present an entrancing picture. From the kiosk probably the most expansive view from any part of the Main Range may be enjoyed. The proprietor of the kiosk is always ready to point out the main features of the landscape. When it is mentioned that the view takes in from Cunningham's Gap to Mount Coot-tha at Brisbane, some idea of its extent can be formed.



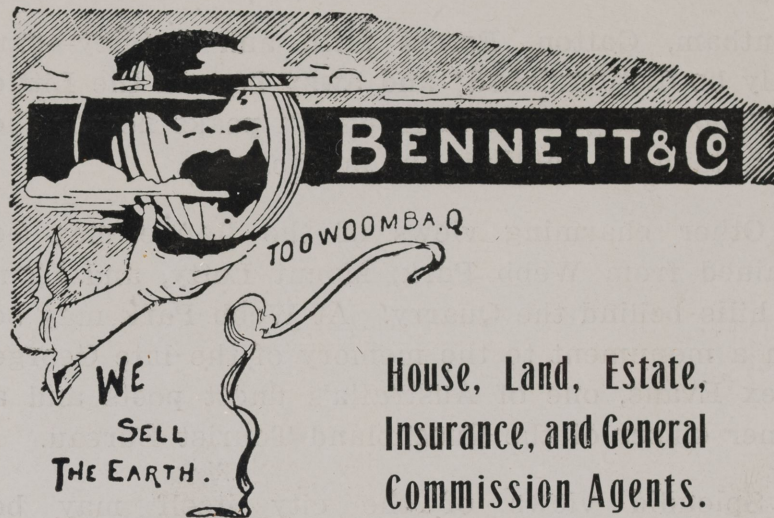
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bourne	5 hours	60s.
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Districts around Toowoomba.

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The Crow's Nest Branch Line.

This important branch line leaves the main Western line at Pengarry Junction, and throughout its entire length (34 miles) intersects some beautiful country. Meringandan, 11 miles from Toowoomba, is a busy little centre to which large quantities of agricultural products and cream are brought for the purpose of being sent by rail to Toowoomba and Brisbane. Hampton (26 miles) is a small settlement, and at one time large quantities of log and sawn timber were regularly railed from here to Toowoomba. Nearly all the heavily timbered country has been cleared and has now given place to comfortable farms. One of the Toowoomba sawmills still brings large quantities of timber over its own

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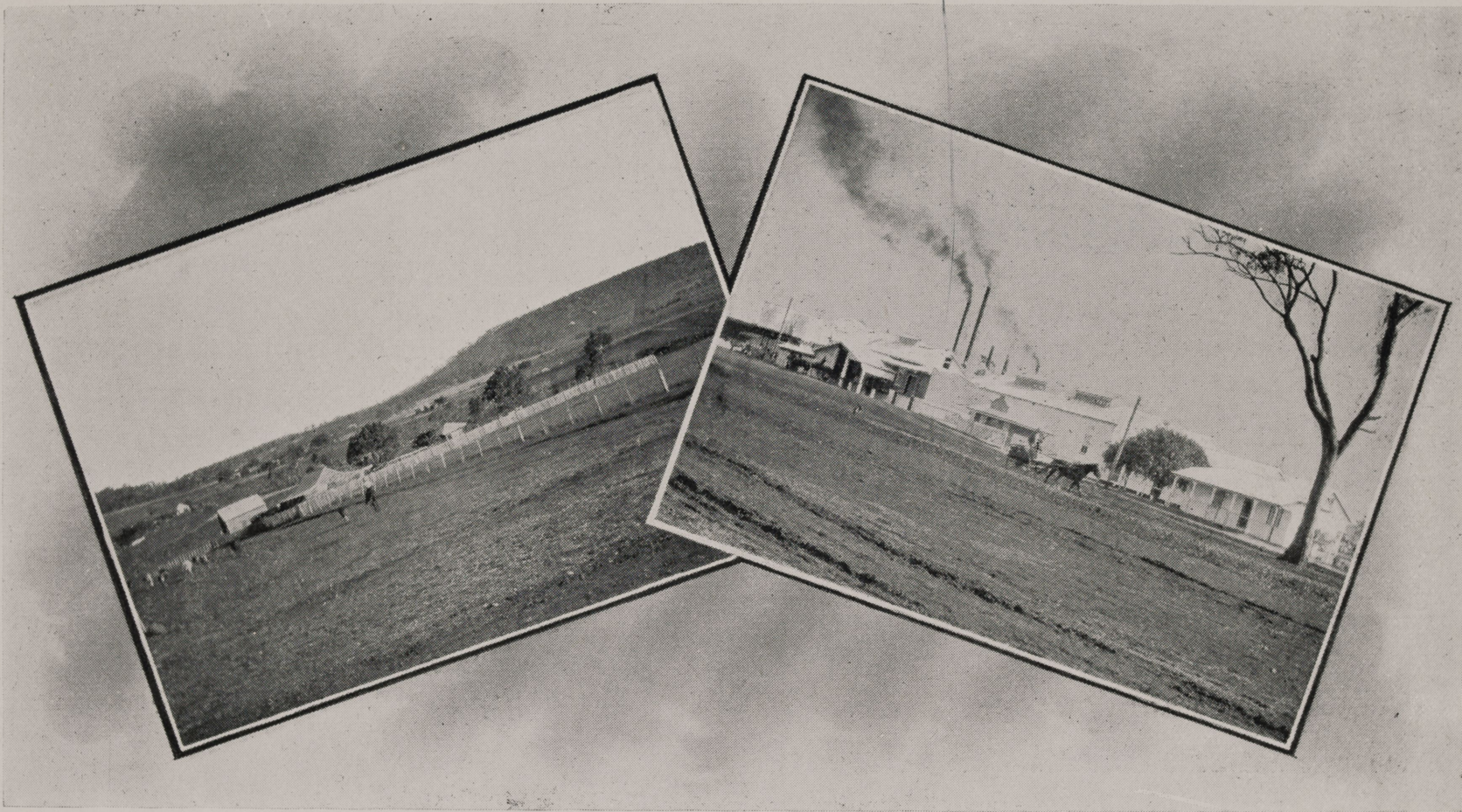
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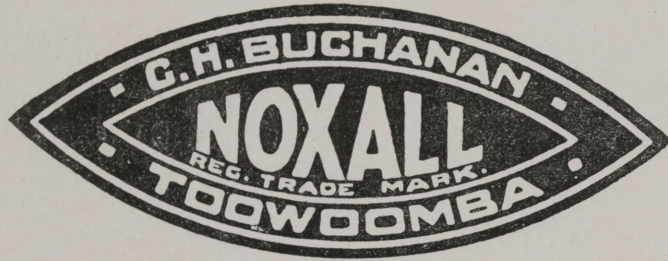
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tramline from Perseverance to be railed to the mill in Toowoomba. From Hampton, National Park may be reached, being distant about 5 miles, but means of conveyance from the railway station would have to be arranged. Crow's Nest, the terminus of the branch railway, is the most important town on the line. It is 34 miles by rail from Toowoomba and 26 miles by road. There is a train service daily and a motor 'bus also maintains regular communication with the Downs capital. The district is eminently suited for mixed farming, being nearly all rich scrub soil. Water is found throughout the district at shallow depths, and being on the eastern slope of the Main Range the rainfall is satisfactory. Dairying is carried on most successfully, and the Downs Co-operative Dairy Company has a very successful branch butter factory at Crow's Nest. The chief crops of the district are maize, potatoes, and lucerne. Pig-raising is carried on to a very large extent, and there are weekly truckings of pigs to Toowoomba and fortnightly to the Brisbane bacon-curing firms. Three produce buyers operate regularly in the township, thus assuring the farmers full market price for their produce. The large majority of the farmers in the district are very prosperous. Improved farms

can be secured at very reasonable prices. There are several large areas of excellent grazing land, which are well watered, and are used for fattening cattle and for carrying the dry stock of local farmers.

The Haden Branch Line.

This branch leaves the Western line at Kingsthorpe, and also serves an important agricultural and dairying area. The most important township on the branch is Goombungee. The produce of this rich district formerly went to Meringandan, but the railway has opened up an extensive agricultural and dairying district. The soil is rich and highly productive. There is a very successful cheese factory at Goombungee, the product of which has long been favourably known. There is a train service from Toowoomba on three days each week, returning from Haden the following days.

The Oakey-Cooyar Branch Line.

Oakey, the point at which the branch line to Cooyar leaves the Western line, is an important and thriving township. There is an excellent butter factory here, and Oakey is a busy centre, being the junction of the branch lines to Cooyar and Cecil

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The Oakey-Cecil Plains Branch Line.

This line also leaves the Western line at Oakey and runs out through the famous Cecil Plains country. The Cecil Plains terminus is 58 miles from Toowoomba. The country is generally flat but is suitable for mixed farming. Many of the farms are being worked by returned soldiers, as this was one of the areas set aside by the Government for them.

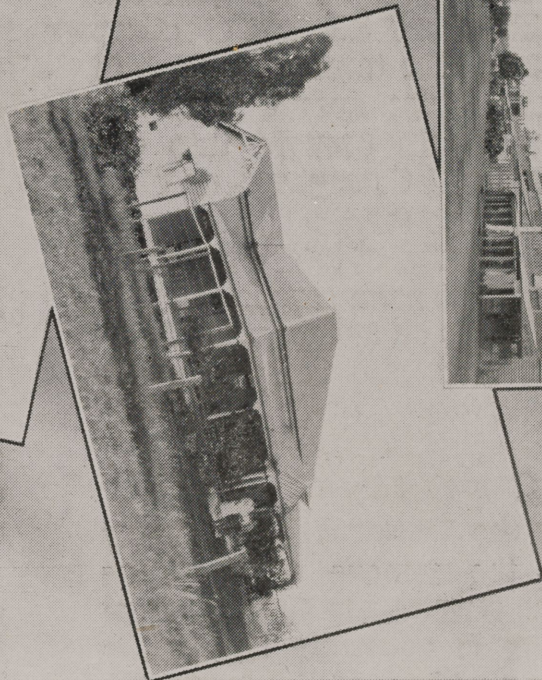
The area described in the last few pages has been that lying to the north and west of Toowoomba, and some account of the country lying south and south-west is equally attractive. It is not possible in the limited space to mention every township in detail, but some idea of the beauty and richness of this part of the Downs proper may be gained from a perusal of the following pages.

Leaving Toowoomba, the main Southern Railway passes through the south-western suburbs of the city, and as the train winds around towards Harris-town a charming view of the city and Range may be obtained and a better idea formed of Toowoomba's charming situation.

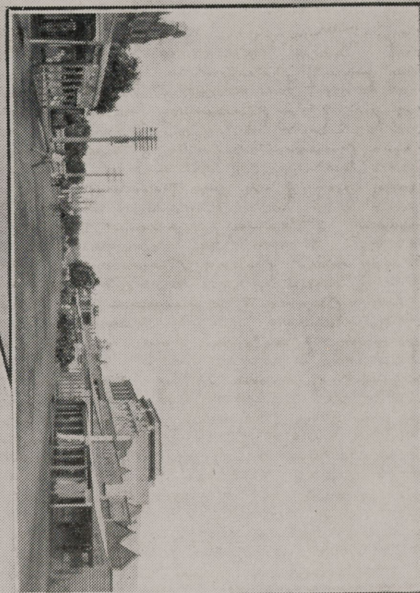
Drayton, 4 miles from Toowoomba, is one of the oldest settlements on the Darling Downs. All around this old town are some fine farms. The soil is suitable for the cultivation of maize, wheat, oats, barley, &c., and the dairying industry also flourishes. The climate of Drayton is admittedly one of the best on the Downs, and is frequently recommended by medical men as being suitable for those suffering from lung troubles. Drayton is 2,070 feet above sea-level, and the mountain air is most invigorating.



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Wyreema.

Wyreema is an important township on the main line, and from here a branch line runs south-west to Pittsworth and Milmerran. At Wyreema is a large condensed milk factory, the product of which is widely known. Every morning many farmers bring their supplies of milk to the factory, and the industry is of great benefit to the dairymen within several miles of the factory.

Pittsworth-Milmerran Branch Line.

A branch railway line leaves the main Southern line at Wyreema and runs south-west to Pittsworth and Milmerran. There is probably no more picturesque branch line in Southern Queensland. It passes through a wonderfully rich area which has made rapid progress during the past few years. Wide valleys dotted with comfortable farm-homes may be seen on every side. The scene presented reminds one of a natural draught-board. Alternate fields of golden wheat, young maize, brilliant green lucerne, oats beginning to ripen, and lucerne in flower, stretching for miles back to the hills beyond, presents a picture which cannot fail to charm the eye, and this charm is added to by the clear, crisp air.

Umbiram, Southbrook, Green Hills, and Broxburn are all prosperous though small centres, their prosperity being entirely due to the richness of the surrounding agricultural and dairying country.

Pittsworth, 27 miles from Toowoomba, is the principal town on the line and has long been a prosperous district. Settlement around the town has increased rapidly during the past few years, and the farmers generally are of a progressive type and reap a rich reward from their industry. Maize, wheat, barley, oats, and potatoes are the chief crops cultivated. Dairying is well established in the district, and many exceptionally fine dairy herds may be seen. In few parts of the Darling Downs can a greater proportion of comfortable, modern farm-homes be seen.

The Pittsworth Co-operative Dairy Company has a very fine factory in the town, and branches at Brookstead, Yarranlea, Scrubby Mountain, Spring-side, and Linthorpe. In a good season the company treats from 10,000 to 12,000 gallons of milk per day. Two of the largest factories are equipped with the most modern pasteurising plants, and turn out cheese claimed to be equal in quality to any produced in the

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The Pittsworth district is well worth the attention of intending settlers as it is one of the best on the Downs.

From Pittsworth to Milmerran, the terminus of the branch line (54 miles from Toowoomba), a further extent of rich agricultural and dairying country is met with, and at no distant date a great increase in settlement will follow. Milmerran has long been a prosperous centre, and with the natural advantages of a rich surrounding district will soon increase in importance.

After leaving Wyreema Junction the main Southern line passes through a picturesque part of the Downs.

Cambooya, 14 miles by rail from Toowoomba, another old settlement, is now a thriving township situated in a picturesque district. Greenmount, 22 miles from Toowoomba, is an excellent agricultural and dairying district. There is a large cheese factory here, and Greenmount cheese has long been well and favourably known. At Nobby, 27 miles, a large grainshed has been erected. Here wheat and maize can be safely stored, thus affording a much-needed opportunity for the better regulation of the grain market.

Clifton is by far the most important town on the main line between Toowoomba and Warwick, and is distant 33 miles from the former. It is the centre of one of the greatest wheat-growing areas on the Downs. Here also is a very large grainshed, and during the wheat harvest the station yard at Clifton presents a scene of great activity; daily hundreds of bags of the golden grain are brought in by the farmers of Back Plains and other districts. Dairying is also carried on extensively around Clifton, and the Downs Co-operative Dairy Company has a branch factory established here.

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From Clifton to Warwick travellers by rail see little of the richest agricultural portion of the district, as the country along the main line is chiefly devoted to larger pastoral holdings such as Glengallan and Toolburra. Elphinstone and Ellinthorpe are small stations which serve the farming and dairy community surrounding them, on what was formerly known as Talgai Station, now closely settled.

The Allora-Goomburra Branch Line.

This line leaves the main Southern line at Hendon and runs eastward to Allora (4 miles) and Goomburra (12 miles). The area served by this short railway has long been noted for its richness in agriculture and dairying. Allora is a busy centre. Here is a large grainshed, and the Warwick Butter and Dairying Co. Ltd. has an important branch

factory. Dalrymple Creek runs through the town, and water can be had in almost any part of the district at a depth of from 30 to 100 feet. From Allora to Goomburra the line passes through one of Queensland's many beauty spots. It is one of the best farming and dairying districts in the State. There are few finer sights anywhere than Goomburra Valley in a good season such as 1924. Wheat, maize, potatoes, lucerne, and many other crops do well, and the settlers here are generally successful.

Between Hendon and Warwick travellers by rail pass within view of the famous Glengallan and Toolburra stations, but very little cultivation can be seen from the train, this area being still devoted to sheep and cattle. The Glengallan pure merino stud flock has long been celebrated, not only throughout the Commonwealth but in South Africa, to which drafts have been sent at different times.

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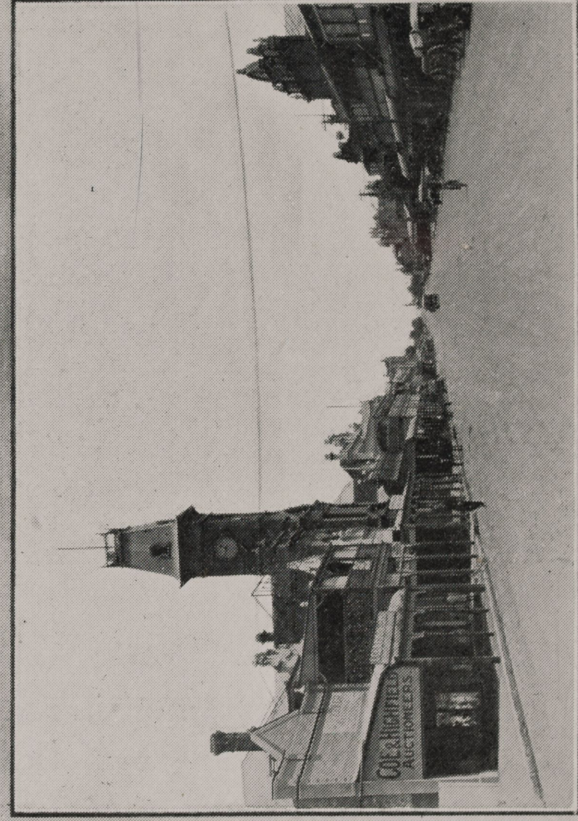
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WARWICK—Capital of the Eastern Downs.

Warwick, the chief town of the Southern and Eastern Darling Downs, is 159 miles distant by rail from Brisbane. By road across the range the distance is only 108 miles. The town was incorporated in 1861, and now has an estimated population of 6,200. Mr. G. P. Barnes represents Warwick in the State Parliament.

Warwick is well managed by a town council consisting of ten aldermen. The other local authorities interested in the district are the Glengallan

Shire Council and the Rosenthal Shire Council. Both of these have their head offices in Warwick, and both are responsible for very extensive areas.

The town is laid out in ten-acre squares and is well provided with public parks. Leslie and Cunningham Parks, comprising twenty acres, are in the centre of the town. In these are to be found tennis courts, croquet lawns, a bowling green, and cricket and football fields. Queen's Park is at the northern end of the main street; Victoria Park near the general hospital; and Morgan Park, of 1,500 acres, is a few miles out of town. Leslie Park, in Palmerin street, is beautifully laid out with shrubs and flowers, and has a fine bandstand. In this park a very handsome memorial has been erected. This consists of an imposing monument and very fine entrance gates, provided by the citizens as a mark of respect to the men who served, and fell, in the Great War.

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The main portion of Warwick is flat, and the streets are wide and well kept. From the more elevated part of the town lying to the south-west, glorious views of the surrounding country may be obtained. To the east and south the distant mountain ranges, which enclose this marvellously rich district, may be seen standing out boldly. The town is well supplied with gas and electricity for lighting, heating, and power. The water supply is drawn from the river Condamine, which skirts the town. Consideration is now being given to a scheme to secure a better and more plentiful supply from a catchment area in the Range, a few miles distant.

Few towns in Queensland are more delightfully situated than Warwick. Its natural advantages in

this respect have been greatly enhanced by the manner in which the town is laid out. Its climate is salubrious—warm in summer, but the air free from that humidity which makes summer heat enervating. The clear, crisp atmosphere in winter is delightful. The spring and autumn months are superb.

Being the trading centre of a rich agricultural, dairying, and grazing district, Warwick is a most important railway depot. Immense quantities of produce are handled at the station every year. A large flour-mill, owned by Messrs. Barnes and Co. Ltd., stands near the station. The flour from this mill and from that of the Farmers' Milling Co. is of excellent quality and commands a ready market. Many other industries on a smaller scale are operating in the town, and generally speaking business in Warwick is in a sound financial condition.

A large business is done in Warwick at the periodical sales of horses, cattle, sheep, and pigs. Some of the yardings at these sales are very large, and buyers attend from every part of the State. The live-stock market of Warwick brings considerable business to the town.

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EDUCATIONAL.

No inland town in Queensland is better provided for educationally than Warwick. There are three State schools with an average attendance of nearly 700 pupils. Besides these there are St. Mary's Roman Catholic School, and four primary schools within two miles of the town. Higher education is provided by the Technical College and High School, Scots College, Christian Brothers' College, Church of England Girls' College, Presbyterian Girls' College, and the Convent High School for Girls. All these institutions are well supported and many students come from centres widely separated in this and other States, to obtain the educational advantages that offer in Warwick's health-giving climate.

The Warwick Technical College and High School.

This is housed in an imposing block of buildings situated in Cunningham Park, the main frontage being to Palmerin street. The main building is constructed of brick with a granite base and freestone dressings. The granite and freestone are local products, the former being obtained from Greymare while the latter was obtained from Yangan. The

main entrance to the college is particularly fine, and over the doorway, carved in stone, the college coat-of-arms and motto "Virtute et Labore" is a beautiful piece of work. The class-rooms are large and airy, and all the appointments at the college are of the most modern type. The various classes are well attended, and the pupils take a great interest in their work. Some very fine pottery is being turned out by the pupils. In shape, ornamentation, and colouring great originality is shown, and this section of the college's work is well worth inspection by visitors.

The Presbyterian Schools.

Two schools have been established by the Presbyterian Church—namely, the Presbyterian Girls' College and the Scots College for boys. Both stand on exceptionally fine sites. The buildings and equipment are modern. The Girls' College, which is situated on the southern portion of the town, was opened in 1917, and has over eighty boarders in residence, while there is also an attendance of fifty day students. A resident staff of ten, mostly graduates, and a visiting staff of seven, assist the principal.



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The Church of England Girls' College.

This college is situated in the southern part of Palmerin street and comprises a group of buildings convenient for educational purposes. Excellent work is being done by a qualified staff, and in common with similar institutions in Warwick a high standard of efficiency is maintained.

St. Mary's Convent of Mercy and High School.

This school is housed in a very handsome stone building, and has a splendid record of successes in examinations. Its influence for good has been felt throughout the district.

The Christian Brothers' College.

This college was opened in 1912, and during the few years of its existence has made splendid progress. It has a fine record of successes in senior and junior university examinations.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

School of Arts.

The Warwick School of Arts is situated in Guy street, and for many years has been a popular institution. There are about 5,000 books in the library. The reading room is well furnished, and supplied with the leading newspapers and periodicals. There is a billiard room with two first-class tables.

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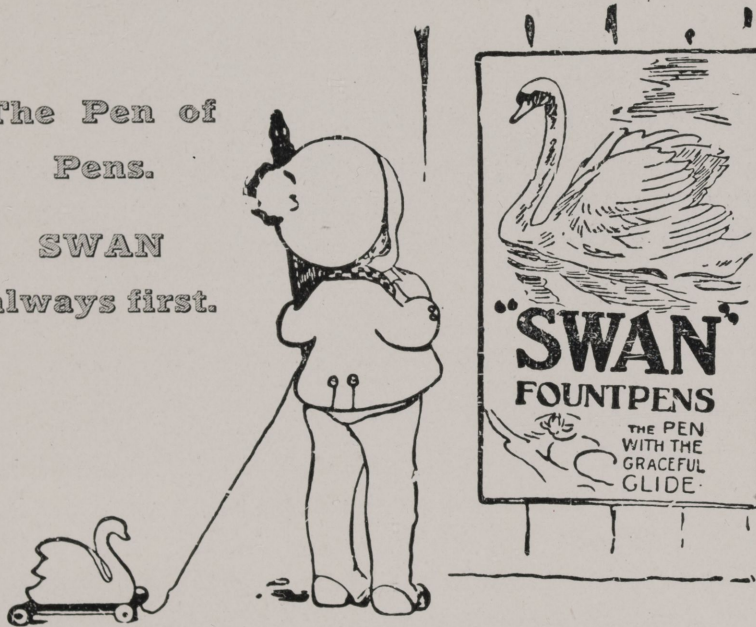
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Warwick and District General Hospital.

Situated in Locke street and facing Victoria Park, the Warwick and District Hospital commands a fine view of the town as well as of the Condamine Valley to the eastward. The hospital is well supported, under the voluntary system over a large area out from Warwick, and patients generally regard the institution in the greatest estimation. Besides the medical superintendent, five local doctors act on the honorary staff. The Horwitz ward is for the use of private paying patients only. The late Mr. Horwitz, at one time member of Parliament for Warwick, donated £2,500 towards the cost of this

ward, and at the same time gave £5,000 to be invested in perpetuity, the interest accruing to go towards the maintenance cost of the general institution.

Space will not permit of every public institution being mentioned in detail, and the more important can only be noted briefly.

The Warwick Chamber of Commerce, which has a membership of about 140, takes a very keen interest in local affairs. Their activities are very beneficial to the business community, and assist materially in the progress of the district.

The Warwick Women's Club, established in 1922, has a membership of 100 in addition to 40 associate members. Their rooms in Grafton street are conveniently and tastefully furnished. The club is non-sectarian and non-political, and there is a total absence of any class distinction. From a social point of view the club fills a much-needed place in the district.

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The Warwick Show Society.

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The Caledonian Society, St. George Society, and Hibernian Society are all very live bodies in Warwick. Much of their success has been brought about by the excellent spirit which has existed among them. The Hibernian Sports on St. Patrick's Day and the Caledonian Sports on Boxing Day are annual events looked forward to, not only by the people of Warwick but by many others throughout this State and in the northern portion of New South Wales.

Sports and Pastimes.

There is no lack of amusements in Warwick. Outdoor sports of all kinds are entered into with enthusiasm. Football, tennis, bowls, golf, swimming, and horse-racing are all well supported.

The Warwick Bowling Club has a fine green and club-house in Leslie Park, and has a large membership. Teams from Warwick frequently try conclusions with representations of other clubs, and acquit themselves with credit. Visiting bowlers are always welcome on the Warwick green. On one afternoon each week the green is available for lady players, many of whom have taken up the game enthusiastically.

The Warwick Golf Club has been in existence for about a year only, but already has a membership of 200, of whom considerably more than half are playing members. The links are situated at Mill Hill and overlook the town and Condamine River. The game has been enthusiastically supported since the inception of the club. Visitors to Warwick may use the links on payment of a ground fee of 1s. 6d. per day, 5s. per week, or 15s. per month.

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The Warwick Turf Club holds periodical race-meetings, which are largely patronised not only by residents of the town and surrounding districts but by race-goers from more distant parts of the State, and Northern New South Wales. Liberal prize-money is offered, and the club is in a sound financial position. The racecourse is pleasantly situated on the outskirts of the town.

The Warwick Public Baths.

The public baths in Queen's Park are deserving of special mention. To the Harriers' Swimming Club must be given the credit of originating a scheme for the construction of the splendid swimming pool. The Town Council granted the required ground and free water. The Harriers' Club organised voluntary labour and dug out the basin, which is 100 feet by 45 feet. The concrete basin was constructed by returned soldier labour, and with dressing boxes, seating, office, and shop, cost under £2,000. Public subscriptions amounting to £650 were received and the Town Council took over the liability for the balance. There is no more popular rendezvous during the summer months, and at carnivals, held under electric light, hundreds of the townspeople attend.

All the primary and secondary school pupils utilise the baths, and a great many little ones annually are taught to swim.

For variety and charm of scenery no district in the State excels the country around Warwick. The valleys to the east and north-east of the town—Freestone, Maryvale, Yangan, Emu Vale, and Killarney Valleys—are all delightful resorts.

The Killarney Branch Line.

This line leaves the main Southern line at Warwick and runs in an easterly direction through one of the most beautiful and most fertile portions of the Downs. At Hermitage, 5 miles from Warwick, is an extensive State Farm where experiments in various crops are constantly being carried on. The farm has proved of immense benefit to the district, and the genial superintendent, Mr. J. Liverseed, is at all times ready to give advice and assistance to any settlers who may require such. The whole area between Warwick and Killarney is devoted to agriculture and dairying. Approaching Yangan (13 miles from Warwick) Mount Sturt is a striking feature of the landscape. Yangan is a prosperous little town.

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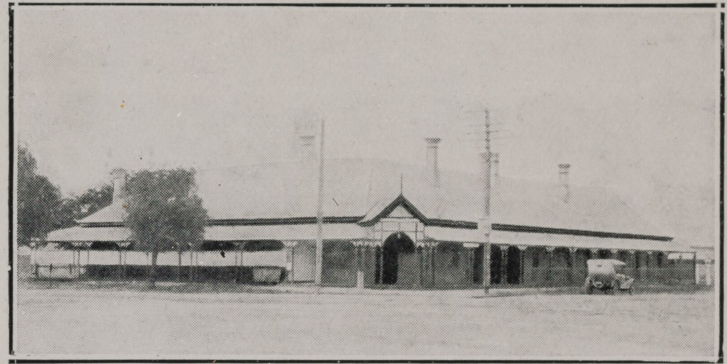
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Leaving Yangan the train winds through delightful scenery, and on nearing Emu Vale (16 miles from Warwick) one of the finest views on the Downs opens out to the traveller. The Emu Vale district has many natural charms, including the Emu Vale Falls. Wheat, maize, and lucerne are the principal crops of the district.

Tannymorel (23 miles from Warwick) is a thriving township nestling at the foot of the ranges. Besides being the depot of an extensive farming district, this is an important coalfield. About $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the township the mine of the Tannymorel Coal Mining Co. Ltd. is situated. The coal from this mine is of excellent quality and is supplied largely to the Railway Department. As much as 32,000 tons has been taken from the mine annually. A private line of railway guaranteed by the company runs from Tanny-

morel to Mount Colliery, and, besides being used to bring in coal, large quantities of timber are railed. Around the mine, which is beautifully situated, there is a little township consisting chiefly of the company's employees, the majority of whom possess their own homes. The Canadian Three-ply Company has recently erected a three-ply mill in the timber country on top of the range, and is already in a position to send a considerable quantity to their works near Brisbane.

Killarney, the terminus of the branch railway, is 28 miles from Warwick. Being 1,691 feet above sea-level, it has a delightful climate all the year round. It is the business centre of a highly prosperous agricultural and dairying district, and has a population of about 1,000. Dairying especially is making rapid progress. A particularly pleasing feature of dairying around Killarney is the class of herds being raised. The three leading types in the district are Jerseys, Milking Shorthorns, and Friesians, many of which are stud-book cattle. The Killarney Dairy Co. Ltd. has an excellent factory here, and their operations have been highly successful. Pig-raising is a considerable industry. The timber industry, however,

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is at present the most important in the district. Within a radius of 10 miles nine sawmills are operating. Very large quantities of timber are being drawn from the mountain ranges, and numerous logs are despatched by rail to other centres. There are three good hotels, several banks, churches, and halls, and many substantial business places.

Although Killarney is beautifully situated, fresh charms unfold as the visitor views the surrounding district. The New South Wales border is only about 4 miles distant, and a very fine panoramic view may be obtained near the border on the Queensland side. There are numerous beauty spots on every side. Dagg's Falls are worth a visit, and a charming trip may be made up the valley of the Condamine towards its source amongst the ranges. As the roads around Killarney are in fair condition, motorists could spend a few delightful days viewing the natural beauties of the district.

The Maryvale Branch Line.

This line also traverses a magnificent stretch of country which is well worth seeing. The line was originally constructed as the first portion of the

Via Recta to connect Warwick with Brisbane. If the scheme were completed, the distance by rail between Warwick and the capital would be shortened by over 50 miles. Like the Killarney Branch Railway, the Maryvale line runs through a rich and beautiful district. Campbell's Plains, 7 miles from Warwick, is a delightful stretch of country, settled with a prosperous farming community. All over these plains an abundant supply of water may be obtained at shallow depths, and one cannot help noting the large number of windmills throughout the district. Freestone (9 miles from Warwick) has a large grain-shed at the railway station. At Clintonvale (12 miles from Warwick) some delightful views may be obtained. Near-by stands Mount Dumaresq, from which Allan Cunningham first viewed the Darling Downs. Mount Dumaresq is the end of a spur of the Main Range. From Clintonvale one can view in every direction some of the finest agricultural and dairying country in Australia. Gladfield is a small township 16 miles from Warwick. There is a hotel and several stores near the railway station. Maryvale, the terminus of the line, is 19 miles from Warwick, and is delightfully situated among the ranges. Magnificent views present themselves on

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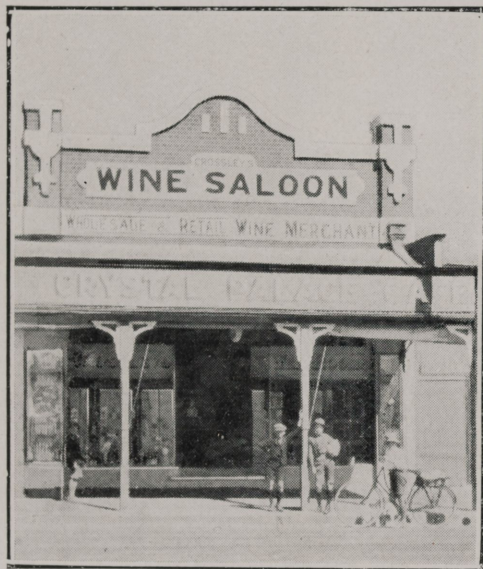


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The country around Warwick on its southwestern side, and served by the line running out to Dirranbandi, does not come within the scope of this book. Within a few miles of Warwick there is a large farming community, and the district is worth a visit.

A few miles from Warwick, near Sandy Creek, the well-known Toolburra Vineyard is established. The quality of the wine is excellent, and large quantities of grapes are sent to the market every year.

Warwick for the Tourist.

From the foregoing pages it will be gathered that the Warwick district has many attractions to offer tourists. The climate is one of the most salubrious in Queensland, and to any seeking renewed health offers many advantages. To those seeking pleasure and a thoroughly enjoyable holiday few districts offer greater attractions. Within a few miles of the town there are numerous beauty spots, which can be conveniently reached by motor-car. There are several excellent hotels in Warwick, as well as good boarding-houses. Tourists should consult Brett's Motor Garage as to the best motor runs in the district.

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Brief mention has been made of the direct railway line proposed between Warwick and Brisbane, and of the necessity of building the connecting link between Maryvale and Mount Edwards. A movement is now on foot to get a road constructed, either via Spicer's Gap or Cunningham's Gap, to connect Warwick with the capital. The proposal is no new one, but it has recently been taken up with great enthusiasm by the local authorities and private individuals most concerned. The Main Roads Board will have surveys made, and it is most desirable that some definite route should be decided upon, and the work carried out without delay.

The construction of this road would confer a boon, not only upon the residents of the Southern Downs but on the people below the Range and in Brisbane. The district around Maryvale would experience marvellous development if the road were built, as over 50 miles could be saved in the journey from Brisbane. The wonderful climate of the Range and the scenic charms of the district would induce thousands of the residents of the coast districts to visit Maryvale in the summer months. With a good road the motor traffic between New South Wales, the Southern Downs, and Brisbane would develop enormously. For the sake of the tourist traffic alone the road should be constructed. The proposed road would have the whole-hearted support of every motorist in Southern Queensland.



VIEW OF KILLARNEY.

Dalby District.



The portion of the Downs along the railway line from Toowoomba to Oakey and branches has been already dealt with in the Toowoomba section of this book, and the further portion from Oakey to Dalby will now be noted.

The country along the line from Oakey west to Dalby is mostly flat, and there is little agriculture carried on, the district being chiefly devoted to sheep. Jondaryan railway station, 28 miles from Toowoomba, is the depot for the famous sheep station of that name. The original Jondaryan station was one of the most extensive properties on the Downs. The township though small is an important trucking centre, and annually large quantities of wool are despatched by rail. The head-station is on Oakey Creek, about 2 miles distant from the railway. Close on 40,000 sheep are shorn each year, in addition to from 20,000 to 25,000 for other owners. The station

brand, K&W in a diamond, is the oldest on the Darling Downs, and wool bearing that brand always commands a ready market. From Jondaryan to Dalby little agriculture is carried on, the country being entirely devoted to grazing. At Blaxland (4 miles from Dalby) there is a large woolshed owned by Mr. Nicolson. Here large numbers of sheep are shorn each year.

DALBY—TOWN OF THE PLAINS.

Dalby is the commercial centre of the Northern Downs, and is situated on the Western Railway, 153 miles from Brisbane and 52 miles from Toowoomba. The town is one of the oldest in the West, having been first proclaimed a local authority in 1863. The estimated population of Dalby is 2,500. The country immediately around Dalby is flat, but the soil is excellent and capable of growing almost any variety of crops. For a long time the Dalby district

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was considered unsuitable for agriculture or dairying, and the whole area was devoted to grazing. In recent years this impression has been proved erroneous, and to-day both agriculture and dairying are carried on successfully within a few miles of the town. Settlement is taking place all over the district, and must help in the future progress and expansion of Dalby.

Dalby is represented in the State Parliament by Mr. W. J. Vowles, while the Federal representative is Mr. J. A. J. Hunter, member for the Maranoa electorate, of which Dalby forms a part.

The town is well laid out, and the streets are wide, and carefully looked after by the Town Council, which has proved itself to be a progressive body. The Council has erected fine new works for the supply of electricity to the town. Business premises, private houses, and the streets are all brilliantly lighted at night, and some of the business firms use electricity for motive power.

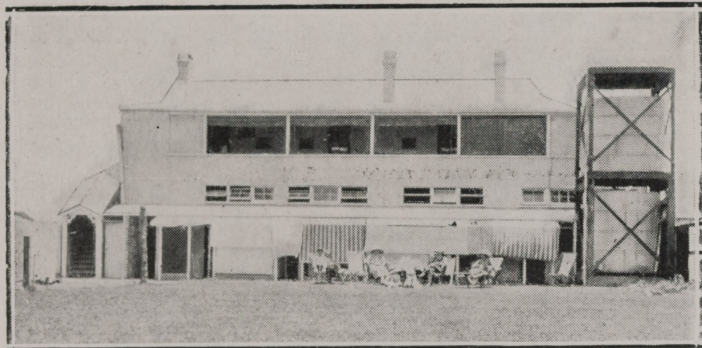
The Council has also erected a fine brick bath-house at the bore near the centre of the town. This bore is the most easterly artesian bore in Australia. The curative properties of the water are already well

known, and many who have visited the baths acknowledge great benefit in cases of rheumatism, sciatica, nervous complaints, &c. The water comes from a depth of 2,500 feet, and has a natural temperature of 101 degrees. As a water for drinking purposes it is unexcelled in Australia. There is excellent hotel and boarding-house accommodation available, convenient to the baths. On account of the mild, dry, even climate, Dalby is strongly recommended as a resort for persons suffering from chest troubles. The Government has a large sanatorium for consumptives about 2 miles from the town. Many who have been patients of this institution have derived great benefit from the treatment received, and their recovery has been accelerated by Dalby's wonderfully healthy climate.

The town has some fine public and private buildings constructed of brick, which convey to the visitor an impression of the solidity of the business community. There are some good halls and several fine churches. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church is an exceptionally fine building. It is built of brick in the Romanesque style. The exterior presents a most attractive appearance. The interior of the church is beautifully finished, the high altar, made of

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Dalby is moving ahead as an industrial centre. There are an important flour-mill, a large sawmill, and a butter factory, the latter being a branch of the Downs Co-operative Dairy Company, Limited. The British Australasian Cotton Company, Limited, has established a ginnery on the outskirts of the town, thus showing their faith in Dalby district being suitable as a cotton-growing area. The ginnery is fitted with the most modern plant, and when in full operation will give employment to a large number of hands.

The town is well known as an important stock centre, and large sales are held at frequent intervals. Excellent saleyards provide every facility for the convenient handling of sheep or cattle at these sales.

Public Institutions.

The Dalby Chamber of Commerce, under the presidency of Mr. Victor Drury, is a very live institution which has done much excellent service for the town and district. It not only watches carefully the interests of the business community, but is ever

ready to champion the cause of the settlers of the district. Much of the credit for the splendid telephone facilities throughout this area is due to the energy of the Chamber of Commerce, heartily supported by the Federal member. The Dalby Post Office and Telephone Exchange are models of efficiency and courtesy, and these features are readily acknowledged by the public.

The Dalby Ambulance Centre was established in 1913, and during the years of its existence has rapidly increased in usefulness and in public favour. It is a well-organised and well-equipped branch of the Queensland Ambulance Transport Brigade, and has done an immense amount of work in relieving the sick and suffering.

The Dalby Hospital is situated about a mile from town, and has accommodation for about fifty patients. The medical and nursing staffs are highly qualified, thus assuring for the patients the best possible advice and attention.

The Dalby Pastoral and Agricultural Association holds an annual exhibition which attracts a large influx of visitors to the town. A look around one of these annual shows at once convinces the visitor of

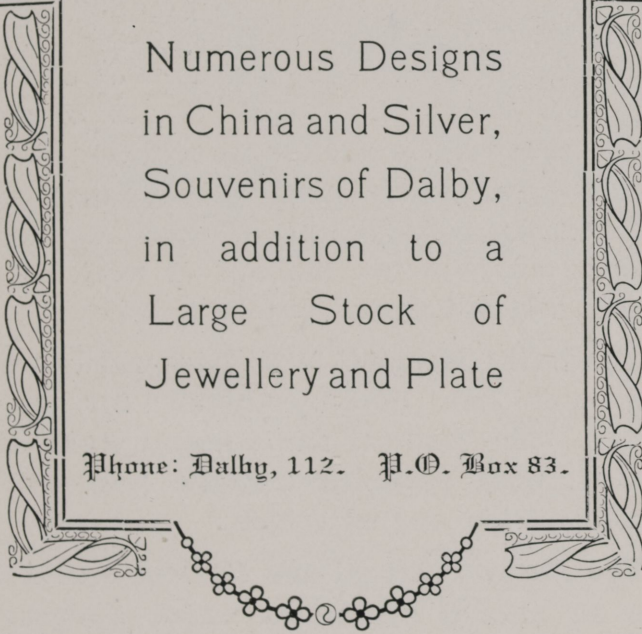


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the importance and potentialities of the district. Besides prizes for horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, dogs, poultry, agricultural products, &c., space in the pavilion is allotted to fine arts, needlework, horticulture, and school and industrial displays.

At Dalby three branch lines leave the main Western line. These run out to Bell, Jandowae, and Tara, and all serve portions of the district in which settlement is rapidly increasing. Bell is a prosperous township 24 miles from Dalby, near the foot of the Bunya Mountains. The surrounding district, besides being used for grazing, is eminently suited for the cultivation of cereal crops, and also for dairying. Wheat, maize, and cotton, excellent alike for quality and quantity, are extensively grown.

The Jandowae Branch Line traverses the historic Jimbour estate. The terminal township of Jandowae is 30 miles from Dalby, and is rapidly becoming an important centre. Around the town there is a great extent of fertile land suitable for agriculture or dairying. Nearly all the land to the foot of the Range has been taken up, and the settlers enjoy a large measure of prosperity. The soil is well suited for wheat-growing, which will become a most important industry in the near future.

The Tara Branch Line will ultimately be extended to Surat, but at present is constructed as far as Tara only, which is 53 miles from Dalby.

As mentioned elsewhere, the country around Dalby is flat, and visitors have to go out a few miles to see the scenic beauties of the district.

The Bunya Mountains.

The Bunya Mountains lie to the north-east of Dalby, and are a continuation of the Main Range. The nearest railway station is Bell, but visitors intending to view the mountains are advised to journey by motor from Dalby. The road to the foot of the mountains is fairly good, except in wet weather. From Dalby to Kaimkillenbun the country is almost flat, and uninteresting, but beyond Kaimkillenbun the trip is a most enjoyable one. From the foot of the Range a road has been constructed by returned soldiers, up the mountains. It is rough and steep in places, but will shortly be improved. The Dalby Bunya Club, a most enthusiastic body, has continued the road for about another mile to the top of the Range. The road up the Range is easily negotiated by car, and any inconvenience which may be experienced en route is

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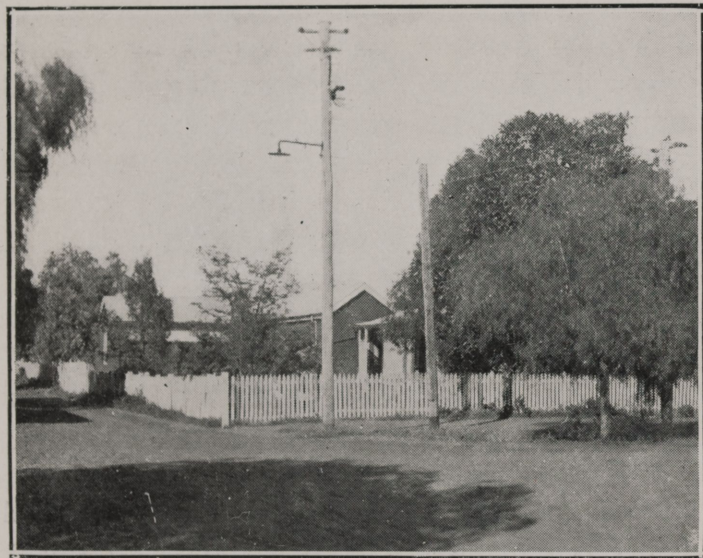
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immediately forgotten when the top is reached. There is a hut at the top belonging to the mayor of Dalby, Mr. P. Garrow, but no other accommodation. Visitors intending to explore the glories of the mountains should provide themselves with a tent if intending to stay overnight. At Mr. Garrow's hut the elevation is about 3,600 feet above sea-level. No finer beauty spot exists in all Australia. The scrubs are truly wonderful, combining the vegetation of the tropics with the natural vegetation of Southern Queensland. We cannot do better than quote the description of the Bunya Mountains written by Queensland's great poet, the late George Essex Evans, when he visited them some years ago:—

“From here, there falls on the Soul the hush and awe of a great cathedral. In these lofty temples of Nature, which the Great Architect has fashioned, man feels only his insignificance in the presence of a vast design. Centuries old, and towering 200 feet above you, their topmost branches massed with orchids and lichen, rise the huge russet-brown columns of the bnyas, the ringed majestic heights of the hoop pine, and the smooth white pillars of the beech, a hundred feet without a limb. Festoons of

brilliant creepers and the thick cordage of the scrub vine swing overhead. From the limbs of grey dead trees, flakes of brown and sage-coloured moss droop pendulous. At times you pass down avenues of white and yellow orchids, past beds of arum lilies, and between dark-green walls of scrub myrtle or through a miniature forest of graceful ferns. The broad emerald leaves of the stinging-tree rise at intervals against a dark environment. Shafts of variegated light strike across the green forest glooms like the soft rays from huge oriel windows. Here, the moss-covered stump of some fallen cedar giant shows amid a rambling mass of wild raspberry bushes; there a huge Moreton Bay fig-tree spreads a leafy shade over the track, its hollow trunk a network of grey cable, inside of which a man can climb for 40 feet. Suddenly the scrub will end abruptly, and you will find yourself on a grassy promontory looking down some precipitous timber-shoot with a stretching vista of purple hill and yellow plain beyond. Then you plunge into the scrub, and climb upwards once more. Anyone bent on sport will here find flock and wonga pigeons and scrub turkeys, the curious humous towers which the latter build being constantly met with. The summit of Mowbullán is a gigantic emerald, tree-

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less mound with outcrops of black basalt—a mountain billow towering in might above its fellows. Indeed, standing on Mowbullán, with the grey eagles wheeling slowly far above, the keen mountain air beating on your cheek, and the panorama of two great pastoral districts spreading in flowing purple on either hand, the mind is invested with the mystery of a grey antiquity older than all the castled heights and verdure-clad valleys of historic Europe. The bold green summit of the mountain rises out of a girdle of magnificent forest, rich with variegated foliage, rimmed with a belt of yellow wattle, behind which, in huge masses and serried lines, the great bunya trees stand like a vast concourse of cowed monks, or some titanic army that in silence mourns around the sepulchre of its fallen God. Here from time immemorial, whilst the tide of empire ebbed and flowed afar, the dusky millions of primitive people have come and gone, unknown, unheeded. Here they were wont to hold their feasts and festivals when the bunya trees were heavy with harvest. On many of these huge trees, 15 and 20 feet in circumference, you can still find traces of steps cut by generations long since passed away.

“The Range itself runs south-east and north-west, and the eye can sweep the horizon for 40 miles on four sides. Looking over the Darling Downs watershed, past the serried lines of dark forest below you, the bold heads and rough shoulders of the hills sink away in steep fall and flowing line to the low wooded levels beneath. By the dark foliage of the belar you can trace the course of six or eight tributary creeks winding on their way to the Condamine, whilst afar, yellow in the sun, stretch the plains of Jimbour. That cluster of silver dots in mid-landscape is Dalby, with open forest behind it and the wide level of Cecil Plains beyond. Those dim blue phantom clouds floating above the Jondaryan prairies are Mount Moriah and Mount Russell, whilst far to the south rises Gowrie Mountain, with the plains that gird its base. Turning to the Nanango watershed, the scene changes to a tumultuous expanse of densely wooded summits and vales that sink and fall like the unresting sea. The light and shadow play on them is wonderful; a land of cool, deep purple hollows and rugged gold-smitten mountain crests.



VIEWS OF THE BUNYA MOUNTAINS.



VIEW OF PINE SCRUB, BUNYA MOUNTAINS.

“One of the grandest waterfalls is on the Nanango side. Here, the dense scrub forms a semi-circle round a steep emerald grassy slope, which terminates abruptly in a wide precipice of black basalt, falling sheer 400 feet, with an immense gorge. Seen from the bottom the scene is of weird and impressive beauty. Above you, the huge grey walls over which the silver torrent takes its surging leap; the steep, densely wooded heights on either hand; the tall trees arched and festooned with vine and creeper; the huge grey boulders and deep pellucid pools; the ever-shifting, drifting spray cloud, like silver smoke, with a rainbow playing in its heart.

“Even more picturesque, if less grand, are the little Manchester Falls, also on the Nanango side, and approached from Mount Mowbullan by a scrub belt leading through a beautiful natural meadow—these lovely meadows are scattered all over these remarkable mountains—along a creek fringed with a perfect forest of tree-ferns. Perhaps this is the most charming spot in the whole range, for opposite the little fall the heads of two giant trees have leant

together, listening to the music of the water beneath, and the vines have climbed them, and the creepers have followed the vines and made natural arches and festoons above the silver filigree of spray, and framed it in a setting of fairy beauty.

“But one could write a book on the Bunya Mountains without exhausting the theme. Let us leave them with the memory of wide spaces, rugged heights, cool purple shadows, clear mountain streams, and pure air, where the brain-weary toiler may realise the mood of the great poet who wrote:—

“And there arrives a lull in the hot race
Wherein man doth forever chase
That fleeting and elusive shadow, Rest.
An air of coolness plays upon his face,
And an unwonted calm pervades his breast.
And then he thinks he knows
The hills where his life rose,
And the sea where it goes.”

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TOURIST MAP OF THE DARLING DOWNS SOUTH QUEENSLAND

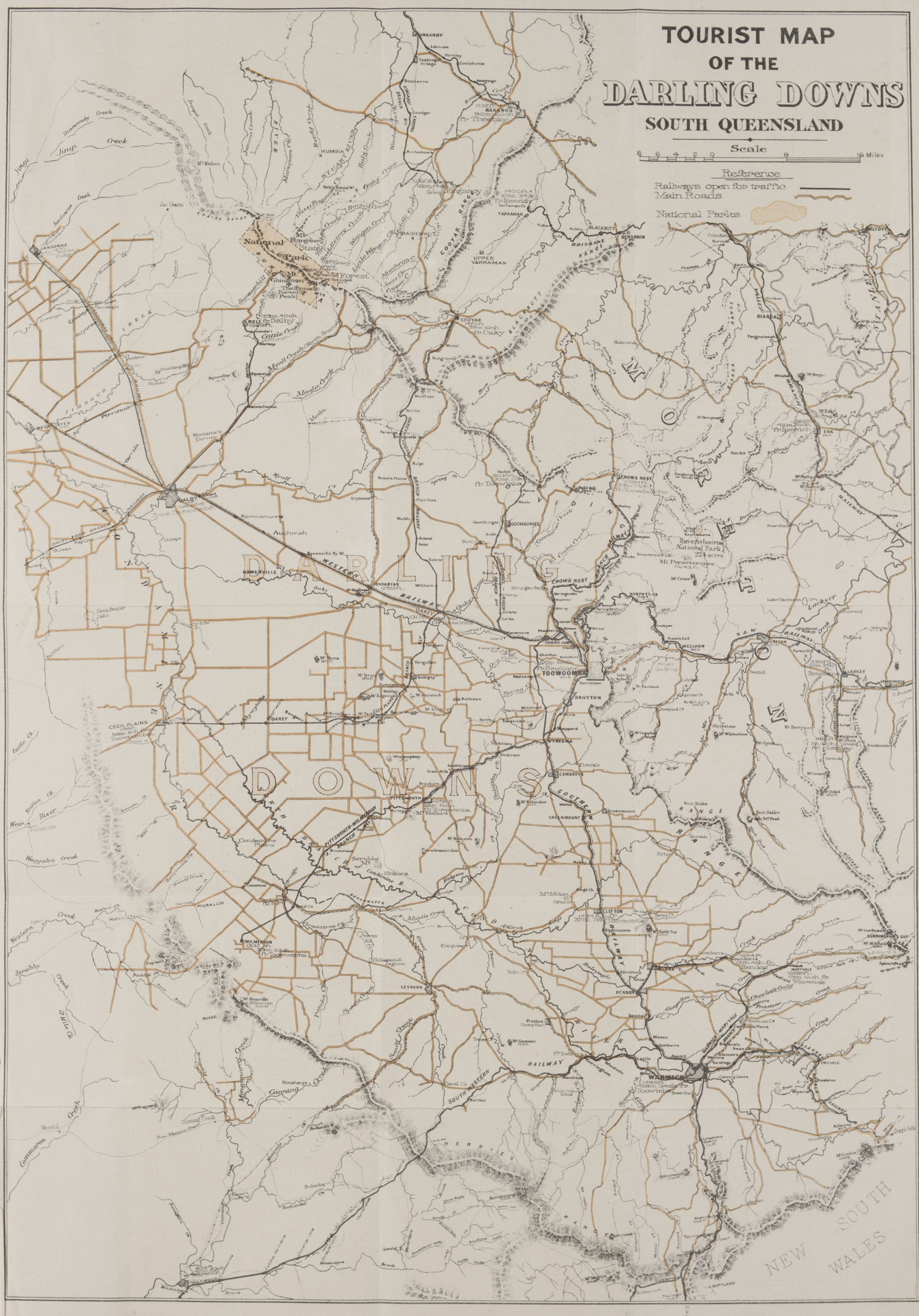
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